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I HAVE *read the* "FAMILY PRAYER BOOK," *and do not find anything in it repugnant to the Faith, Morality, and approved discipline of the Catholic Church. It is a work of high character; combining solid devotion and fervent piety, with that judicious selection of pious exercises which is so peculiarly necessary at the present moment, and that chaste simplicity and primitive dignity of expression which ever befits the communications of man with God in Prayer—as they every where characterize the communications of God with man in the inspired writings.*

I consider the "FAMILY PRAYER BOOK" *a valuable addition to our works of piety; and, as such, I approve of it within the limits of my jurisdiction.*

✠ PETER AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF SIGA.

Vicar Apostolic of the Western District.

Prior Park, August 1*st*, 1839.

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THE

FAMILY PRAYER-BOOK;

CONTAINING ALL THE

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVOTIONS IN USE AMONGST ENGLISH CATHOLICS.

"BE NOT AFRAID OF THEIR FEAR, AND BE NOT TROUBLED: BUT SANCTIFY THE LORD JESUS IN YOUR HEARTS." 1 PETER iii.

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The Hymns in this Prayer-book are newly and most literally translated in metres suited to the Church music to which the Latin verses are generally sung.

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TO

PETER AUGUSTINE BAINES, D.D.

BISHOP OF SIGA,

VICAR APOSTOLIC IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ENGLAND, &c. &c.

My Lord,

Notwithstanding the very kind and flattering manner in which you have permitted me to dedicate this Prayer Book to your Lordship, it were indecorous in an anonymous writer to express, in this place, the admiration and gratitude which every English Catholic must feel for those exertions and privations which you have undergone while endeavouring to provide for the spiritual wants of his brethren in Christ, and to raise religion, in this country, from the state

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of depression in which long years of persecution had left it.

But as none are more active in the cause of religion, so no one will more readily appreciate, than your Lordship, the importance of bringing piety home to every breast with truth, with charity, with unction, and with decorum: —

Sit laus plena, sit sonora,
Sit jucunda, sit decora,
Mentis jubilatio.

While endeavouring, in this compilation, to avoid the opposite extreme of coldness and insensibility, it has also been my wish to modify those expressions of devotion which, translated from the vocabularies of more energetic nations, appear familiar and even profane to our sober habits of thought; and to expunge all declarations of exaggerated feeling, all self-accusations of heinous

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and excessive guilt. These are often indecorous:—presenting images foreign to the sentiment to which they are allied, and inapplicable to those who hold the even tenor of their way and endeavour to walk in the path of the Lord and to possess their souls in peace. To these—surely the majority amongst us!—it is unadvisable to dictate feelings proper only to the more hardened, to the more desperate sinner.

In a word, I have endeavoured to compile a FAMILY Prayer Book:—one that should not raise a blush on the cheek of happy innocence, nor deepen the crimson occasioned by passing faults of surprise; one that should induce a sentiment of hopeful gladness rather than of gloom; one that should not exhaust the strongest expressions of feeling on occasions of familiar sorrows,

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familiar hopes, nor alas! of familiar and domestic failings.

Should your Lordship deem that I have, in any degree, accomplished my undertaking, may I hope that you will honour my little work with your approbation, and that you will bestow your blessing upon one who well knows how to value the boon,

ΦΙΛΑΛΗΘΗΣ.

On the Eve of the Festival of Sts. Peter and Paul, 1839.

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ADVICE ON

CONVERSATIONAL CONTROVERSY.

A MODERN author says, "Let me caution you to avoid all argument on points of doctrine: excuse yourself by simply answering that such is the faith of your Church. The Catholic Church has succeeded to the authority possessed by Moses and the prophets; and they who wish to dispute her doctrines, should first disprove her authority. Until they have done that, it is sufficient for you and for them that the doctrine in question is taught with her sanction."

This is most excellent advice. But such as may ask, in the spirit of honest enquiry, what is the foundation of this your reliance upon the infallibility of the Church, you may remind that contradictory doctrines cannot all be true: and that, according to the words of Christ himself, there can be only one true church, only one church that teaches a true doctrine: St. John x. 16, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall

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hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." Eph. iv. 4, 5—"There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

No variation whatever from the doctrine of that church appears to be admissible: St. Matt. v. 19—"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

That the church once established by Christ must continue for ever to teach the true doctrines of Christ, is evident: Matt xvi. 18, 19—"And I say unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Chap. xxviii. 20—"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." St. John xiv. 16, 26—"And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

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Chap. xvi. 13—"Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you all things to come."

God, therefore, ordained that there should be only one true church, and that his Holy Spirit should always direct that church and keep it from teaching false doctrines. In accordance with this merciful design, the Apostles always declared all teachings in any degree different from those of the one faith which was preached to all men ("beginning at Jerusalem," Luke xxiv. 47,) to be displeasing to God. Eph. iv. 11, 14—"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors, and teachers. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive." Heb. xiii. 9, 17—"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." 1 John, iv. 6—"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God, heareth not us. Hereby

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know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

You may be answered that these passages do not convey the same meaning to the mind of the person who questions you. What then? Do we admit his right to interpret scripture according to his own private judgment? No: for St. Peter complains (in 2 Peter, iii. 15, 16, 17,) that even in his time the "unlearned and unstable" wrest some things in the epistles of St. Paul, "as they do also the other scriptures to their own destruction. You, therefore, brethren," he continues, "knowing these things beforehand, take heed lest, being led aside by the error of the unwise, you fall from your own stedfastness."

No. Let all read scripture, an they will; and we wish them to do so: but the Church alone has authority to interpret scripture. The commission given to the apostles and their successors was to "TEACH all nations," (Matt. xxviii. 19) not to write certain books only, for the nations to understand or to misunderstand as they best might. Why the art of printing has not been invented 300 years: before that time, the scriptures were written out by hand; and were, necessarily, so expensive that not one private person in a parish could afford to purchase them. And even if they had been more plentiful, not

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one private person in a parish knew how to read. Could not any of these people be saved during the 1500 years that intervened between the preaching of Christ and the discovery of the art of printing? Even now, can one person in fifty of the christian world read? and are the forty-nine others, who cannot read, debarred from salvation? No. As our blessed Lord said of the brethren of the rich man, "they have Moses and the prophets," so he now says they have the Church to teach them their faith:—"He that heareth you, heareth me, and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me;" Luke x. 16. Finally, St. Matthew declares (xviii. 17.) "if he will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican."

Should the person who enquires of you be really and seriously anxious to discover the truth, you will, of course, follow the precept of the 1st of St. Peter, iii. 15, and "be ready always to satisfy every one that asketh you a reason of that hope which is in you:" and we would recommend you moreover to introduce him forthwith to one of our exemplary pastors. But should the enquirer question you—as is too often the case in this country—merely to satisfy his own idle curiosity and the doubts and fears which necessarily accompany the self-conceit of

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upstart private judgment, we would conclude the argument with the following startling suggestion, taken from that excellent sermon on "Faith, Hope, aud Charity," preached by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Baines. "Were you, my protestant brethren," he says, "to behold upon a stormy sea a fleet of many sail, bound to some distant shore whither you were obliged to go; if all these vessels, save one, were of small dimensions; if you beheld all, save that one, labouring with the winds and waves, and successively dashed upon some rock or shoal and wrecked while others thronged to succeed them and to share by turns the same hapless fate; if the one vessel I have mentioned was of infinitely greater magnitude; if it pursued its steady course unaffected by the winds that blew, and the waves that broke against it; if it had been long known to convey to the wished-for shore myriads of happy passengers; if a heaven-directed pilot was known to sail upon some one of these vessels,—on which of them would you hope to find him? and as you were obliged to embark on one or other of these vessels, which would you select? Oh! there would be no difference of choice amongst you. You would all embark on the same goodly ship; and should you behold any passenger of that ship quitting it to risk his life on one of its frail attendants, you would all equally conclude that he had lost his senses."

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THE

FAMILY PRAYER-BOOK.

THE MANNER IN WHICH ANY PERSON MAY BAPTIZE AN INFANT IN DANGER OF DEATH.

Take common water, pour it on the head or face of the child, and while you are pouring it, say the following words:

"I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

I. I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not have strange Gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven thing, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth: Thou shalt not adore them nor serve them.

II. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

III Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

IV. Honour thy father and thy mother.

V. Thou shalt not kill.

VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

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VII. Thou shalt not steal.

VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods.

Six Precepts of the Church.

1. To keep certain appointed days holy; with obligation of hearing mass, and resting from servile works.

2. To fast Lent, the Ember-days, vigils commanded; *in England* the Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent; and to abstain from flesh on Fridays, and other days of abstinence.

3. To confess our sins to our pastor at least once a year.

4. To receive the blessed sacrament at least once a year, and that at Easter, or thereabouts; namely, between Palm Sunday and Low Sunday.

5. To pay tithes to our pastor.

6. Not to *solemnize* marriage at forbidden times; that is, from the first Sunday in Advent till twelfth-day be past; nor from Ash-Wednesday till after Low Sunday; nor to marry within certain degrees of kindred; nor privately, without witnesses.

Seven deadly Sins.

1 Pride; 2. covetousness; 3. lust; 4. anger; 5. gluttony; 6. envy; 7. sloth.

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Seven contrary Virtues.

1. Humility; 2. Liberality; 3. chastity; 4. meekness; 5. temperance; 6. brotherly love; 7. diligence.

Seven Sacraments.

Baptism, confirmation, holy eucharist, penance, extreme unction, holy order, and matrimony.

A TABLE OF THE FEASTS

Observed in England.

**The days of obligation are in Small Capitals.*

All the Sundays in the Year.

January.
1 Circumcision.
6 Epiphany.

February.
2 Purification.
24 St. Matthias.

March.
19 St. Joseph.
25 Annunciation.

April.
23 St. George.

May.
1 St. Philip and St. James.
3 Finding the Cross.

June.
24 Nativity of St. John Baptist.
29 St. Peter and St. Paul.

July.
25 St. James.
26 St. Ann.

August.
10 St. Lawrence.
15 Assumption.
24 St. Bartholomew.

September.
8 Nativity B. V.
21 St. Matthew.
29 St. Michael.

October.
28 St. Simon and St. Jude.

November.
1 All Saints.

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30 St. Andrew.

December.

8 Conception.
21 St. Thomas.
25 CHRISTMAS-DAY.
26 St. Stephen.
27 St. John.
28 Holy Innocents.
29 St. Thomas of Canterbury.

MOVEABLE FEASTS.

EASTER-MONDAY, Easter-Tuesday, ASCENSION-DAY, WHITSUN-MONDAY, Whitsun-Tuesday, CORPUS CHRISTI DAY.

FASTING DAYS.

1. The forty days of Lent. 2. The Ember-days at the four seasons, being the *Wednesday*, *Friday*, and *Saturday* of the first week in Lent, of Whitsun-Week, of the third week in *September*, and of the third week in Advent. 3. The Wednesdays and Fridays of all the four weeks of Advent. 4. The vigils or eves of Whit-Sunday, of the Saints Peter and Paul, of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin, of All Saints, and of Christmas-Day.

ABSTINENCE DAYS.

1. The Sundays in Lent. 2. The Fridays above excepted from the rule of fasting. 3. If Christmas-day fall upon a Friday, it is neither fast nor abstinence.

THE MANNER OF SERVING AND ANSWERING AT MASS.

The clerk or servitor kneeling at the left hand of the priest, shall answer him as follows :

Priest. Introibo ad altare Dei.

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Clerk. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

Pr. Judica me, Deus, & discerne causam meam de gente non sancta; ab homine iniquo & doloso erue me.

Cl. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti? Et quare tristis incedo dum affligit me inimicus?

Pr. Emitte lucem tuam & veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, & adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, & in tabernacula tua.

Cl. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

Pr. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus: quare tristis es anima mea, & quare conturbas me?

Cl. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi: salutare vultus mei, & Deus meus.

Pr. Gloria Patri, & Filio, & Spiritui Sancto.

Cl. Sicut erat in principio, & nunc, & semper, & in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Pr. Introibo ad altare Dei.

Cl. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

Pr. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

Cl. Qui fecit cœlum & terram.

Pr. Confiteor Deo, &c.

Cl. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, & dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam.

Pr. Amen.

Cl. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis apostolis Petro & Paulo, omnibus sanctis, & tibi, Pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo & opere [*here he strikes his breast thrice*] mea culpa, mea

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culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos apostelos Petrum & Paulum, omnes sanctos & te, Pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

Pr. Misereatur vestri, &c.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, &c.

Cl. Amen.

Pr. Deus tu conversus, vivificabis nos.

Cl. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

Pr. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

Cl. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

Pr. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

Cl. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.

Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Pr. Kyrie eleison.

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Pr. Dominus vobiscum, *or* Flectamus genua.

Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo, *or* Levate.

Pr. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

Cl. Amen.

At the end of the Epistle, say,

Cl. Deo gratias.

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The Epistle, Gradual, and *Alleluia*, or Tract being read, remove the Missal to the right hand of the altar, making a reverence as you pass before the middle of the altar. Let the clerk ever kneel or stand on the contrary side to the Missal.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.
Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.
Pr. Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum, &c.

Making the sign of the cross, say,

Cl. Gloria tibi, Domine.

Make a reverence at the beginning and ending of the Gospel, and at the name of JESUS; and at the end say,

Cl. Laus tibi, Christe.
Pr. Dominus vobiscum.
Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Here the clerk is to give wine and water, and prepare the basin, water, and towel for the priest. The priest having washed, let him kneel in his former place, and answer,

Pr. Orate Fratres, &c.
Cl. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem & gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.
Pr. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
Cl. Amen.
Pr. Dominus vobiscum.
Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

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Pr. Sursum corda.
Cl. Habemus ad Dominum.
Pr. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.
Cl. Dignum & justum est,

At Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, &c. *ring the little bell, where this is customary.*

And again, when you see the priest spread his hands over the chalice, give warning by the bell of the consecration, which is about to be made. Then holding up the vestment with your left hand, and having the bell in your right, ring during the elevation of the Host; which being ended, you must kiss the vestment; and presently do the same at the elevation of the chalice. As often as you pass by the blessed Sacrament, you must adore on your knees.

Pr. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
Cl. Amen.
Pr. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.
Cl. Sed libera nos a malo.
Pr. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
Cl. Amen.
Pr. Pax domini sit semper vobiscum.
Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

The priest's communion being ended, be ready to give first wine, and then wine and water; (but if there be communicants, first provide them a towel, and say the Confietor.) Then remove the book to the left hand of the altar, take away the towel from the communicants, if there were any, and return to your former place.

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.
Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.

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Pr. Ite, Missa est; or Benedicamus Domino.
Cl. Deo gratias.

In Masses for the Dead.

Pr. Requiescant in pace.
Cl. Amen.

Remove the book, if it be left open; kneel and take the priest's blessing.

Pr. Pater, & Filius, & Spiritus Sanctus,
Cl. Amen.

At the beginning of the Gospel

Pr. Dominus vobiscum.
Cl. Et cum spiritu tuo.
Pr. Initium, or Sequentia Sancti Evangelii, &c.
Cl. Gloria tibi, Domine,

At the end say, Deo gratias.

Put out the candles, and lay up all decently and carefully.

THE CONDITIONS FOR GAINING THE INDULGENCES FOR CHRISTMAS, EASTER, ASSUMPTION, AND MICHAELMAS, ARE

1. That the faithful confess their sins, with sincere repentance, to a Priest approved of by the Bishop.

2. That they worthily receive the Holy Communion.

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3. That they visit some Chapel or Oratory where Mass is celebrated, and pray to God for the peace and welfare of his Church.

4. That they be in readiness of mind to assist the poor with alms in proportion to their abilities; or to frequent catechism or sermons; or to visit and comfort the sick, and such as are near their end, if they have the opportunity.

Note.—It is not required, for the gaining of these indulgences, that these works of mercy, corporal or spiritual, or the assisting at catechism or sermons, be done on the same day with the Communion; but only that persons be then in a disposition or readiness of mind to do these things, or some of them at least, when opportunity shall offer.

Conditions of the Indulgences for Lent, Whitsuntide, and All-Saints, are:

1. To confess their sins with a sincere repentance, to a priest approved of by the bishop.

2. Devoutly and worthily to receive the Holy Communion.

3. If their condition will allow it, to give some alms to the poor, either on the eve or the day of their communion.

4. On the day of their communion to offer up some prayers to God, for the whole state of the Catholic Church throughout the world, for the bringing of all strayed souls to the fold of Christ, for the general peace of Christendom, and for the blessing of God upon this nation.

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Conditions of the Indulgence for St. Peter and St. Paul.

1. To confess their sins with a sincere repentance, to a priest approved of by the bishop.

2. Devoutly and worthily to receive the Holy Communion.

3. For some space of time, on the day of their communion, to pray to God with a sincere heart for the conversion of heretics, and for the free propagation of the holy faith.

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SHORT MORNING

PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

A MORNING HYMN.

Dear Saviour! I have learned to know
  That thou dost ever list to me;
And that, wherever I may go,
  I still am always seen by thee.

O teach me Lord, what I should say,
  Let truth direct my every word,
Nor let me speak throughout the day
  Aught that should not by thee be heard.

Oh! keep me innocent; and free
  From every thought, from every sin;
That thou, my God! mayest never see
  A naughty thought my breast within.

Dear Jesus! let me be thine own!
  To rise to thee my life was given:
As flowers that on the earth are sown
  Shoot up and bear their sweets to heaven

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The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary.

"Hail Mary, full of grace! our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." Holy Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for a New Day.

I praise and adore thee, oh blessed Trinity, for having permitted me to pass the foregone night in safety. How many sinners, who like me,

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lay down to rest last evening, have been called before their just judge to receive the reward or punishment due to their conduct! Oh my blessed guardian angel, join me in praising our good God for having preserved me from so great a danger.

Oh, Holy Ghost! give me thy grace that I may pass through this day in such a manner as to prepare myself to obey thy summons whenever it may be my turn to appear before thee. Give me peace, patience, and brotherly love; and keep me from doing or from saying anything which I could not continue to feel or to do if I were amongst thy blessed saints in heaven. Amen.

Offering of the Day.

Oh God! I offer to thee all my thoughts, words, and actions of this day. Accept of those that are innocent, I beseech thee, through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son; and forgive those that are otherwise through the same Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us; and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHORT EVENING
PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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The "Pater Noster."

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The "Ave Maria."

Hail Mary full of grace, our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Confiteor.

I confess to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary ever Virgin, to the blessed Michael the Arch-angel, to the blessed John the baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Arch-angel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on us and forgiving our sins bring us to life everlasting.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins. Amen.

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Prayer for the Dead.

Have mercy, oh Lord, on those who are dead and forgive them their sins. Listen to the prayers which we offer for them, as we hope that others will pray for us when we shall have departed from this life. Pardon the sins they have been guilty of, and admit them into thy joy; that they may for ever praise thy goodness, and may intercede for us that we also may hereafter join them for a happy eternity. Eternal rest give to them, oh Lord! and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

The Prayer of Faith.

Grant oh God! that I may accept of death as a homage and adoration which I owe to thy divine majesty; as a punishment justly due to my sins; in union with the death of my dear Redeemer; and as the only means of coming to thee, my beginning and last end.

I firmly believe all the sacred truths thy church believes and teaches, because thou hast revealed them. And by the assistance of thy holy grace, I am resolved to live and die in the communion of this thy church.

Relying on thy goodness, power, and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son, my only Redeemer, and by the intercession of his blessed mother and all the saints.

I love thee with my whole heart, and desire to love thee as the blessed do in heaven. I adore all the designs of thy divine providence, resigning myself entirely to thy will.

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I also love my neighbour for thy sake, as myself. I forgive all those who have injured me, and ask pardon of all I have injured.

I renounce the devil with all his works, the world with all its pomps, the flesh with all its temptations.

I desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ.

Father, into thy hands, I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus receive my soul.

May the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints pray for us to our Lord, that we may be preserved this night from sin and all evil.

Blessed St. Michael, defend us in the day of battle, that we may not be lost at the dreadful judgment.

Oh! my good angel whom God has appointed to be my guardian, enlighten, protect, defend, and govern me this night.

Vouchsafe, O Lord! to keep us this night without sin.

Have mercy on us oh Lord! have mercy on us.

Let thy mercy, oh Lord! be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

In thee, oh Lord! have we trusted; let us not be confounded for ever.

Visit, oh Lord, we beseech thee, this house and family, and drive far from them all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein who may keep us in peace; and may thy blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the divine assistance remain always with us; and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen

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MORNING

PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES.

SUNDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

To Hallow the Sunday.

Be thou pleased, O Lord, in thy mercy to teach us how to spend this day. Lift up our hearts with the spirit of devotion. Of ourselves we are not able to form so much as one good thought. We neither know how to pray, nor what we ought most to pray for. Give us, therefore, thy holy spirit, which may both help our weakness and pray within us, for then our prayers will assuredly be acceptable to thee.

Teach us to prepare our minds for this holy duty. Speak first thyself to our hearts that they may be ready and disposed to speak to thee. Open our lips that our mouths may declare thy praise. Thou listenest not to the prayers of the wicked: enable us, therefore, to rank amongst the happy number of those who worship thee in spirit and in truth, and to whose sighs thou lendest a willing ear. "Create clean hearts in us, oh Lord, and renew right spirits within us."

Teach us, also, to ask for those things only

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that are agreeable to thee and useful to our salvation. Grant us the grace of truth and steadiness, that we may not carelessly ask for that best of all blessings—the enjoyment of thy protection; for to be blessed by thee is the great end and aim of all our prayers. It is in thy name, oh divine Saviour, that we are about to offer up our petitions: grant us the grace to fix our minds on thee at all times; but most of all at this morning's service, when we shall directly converse with thee.

Stop the fancies of our wandering hearts, the thoughts of our pre-occupied heads, and quell the power of our spiritual enemies who endeavour at such times to draw our minds from heaven by many vain imaginings. So enable us, with joy and thankfulness, to look on thee as our deliverer from the evils we have escaped, and as the giver of all the good we have received or can hope for. So teach us to see that thou thyself art our only good, and that all other things are but means ordained by thee to make us fix our minds on thee, to make us love thee more and more, and by loving thee to secure eternal happiness.

O Jesus take up all our thoughts here, that shunning vain and hurtful fancies, our souls may become worthy to behold thee face to face, in thy kingdom for ever.

May thy divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through thy mercy rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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MONDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

An Act of Resignation.

Almighty God, we again beseech thee, at the beginning of a new week, to take us entirely into thy holy keeping. We offer unto thee all the faculties of our souls and bodies: let the one be ever recollected in thee, and the other ever anxious to fulfil all the duties thou mayest impose upon it. Raise up our souls frequently, we beseech thee, to heaven, that we may never forget the end of all our pursuits in this life. Prevent us from neglecting the obligations of the situations in which thou hast placed us, but make us attend to them in obedience to thy divine will, that in every action, we may feel that we are serving thee in the manner most agreeable to thy providence. Oh Lord, we cast all our cares and hopes on thee. Do thou protect thy servants and prompt all our feelings whether in distress or in pleasure.

Keep us, also, oh Lord, from all over anxiety in affairs of this life by reminding us of the shortness of the time for which we labour; and that none but thou can foresee whether the things we are striving for will ultimately lead to our earthly welfare or not. But make us in every thing feel happily resigned to thy holy will, for that thou alone canst and wilt make everything a help to our eternal salvation. Amen.

The "Pater Noster."

Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be

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done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Ave Maria.

"Hail Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

Holy Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Heavenly and Earthly Good.

Most bountiful Saviour Jesus Christ, who didst not only create us but didst also render us capable of aspiring to thee the greatest good; and who, when we had incurred hopeless exile from heaven, didst redeem us with thy sacred blood, and take upon thee the punishment due to our sins—for these O Lord, and for all thy other mercies, we return thee our most heartfelt and humble thanks; we offer ourselves to be wholly thine, and we beseech thee, of thy infinite goodness to protect and keep us during this week from all occasions of offending thee.

Receive, most kind Saviour, our grateful acknowledgments for all the spiritual helps thou hast vouchsafed to us. Continue thy mercy to us; and give us also so much of thy worldly blessings as thou knowest to be for our good. Grant that the fruits of the earth may encrease and multiply by thy holy favour; defend them from all storms and tempests, and from whatever

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else may be hurtful to them. It is from thy hand only that we look for succour, and to thee we have recourse in all our necessities.

Enlighten also, oh Lord, the powers of our souls with thy divine grace, and give us strength to contend more resolutely and to subdue all wicked inclinations for the future. In all humility and sincerity of heart, we purpose, by thy assistance, never more to transgress thy laws. We desire to love thee, fear thee, and serve thee, and to live always according to thy holy example. And we beseech thy goodness so to govern and direct us during this week that all our actions may tend to the advancement of thy honour and glory, our neighbour's welfare, and the benefit of our own souls. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

TUESDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

An Offering of the Day.

Most holy and merciful God, we kneel before thee to bless and praise thy name for all the mercies bestowed on us; for thy goodness in preserving us during the night past, and for bringing us in safety to the beginning of this day. Bless, oh Lord, thy creatures whom thou hast thus preserved; and as thou hast awakened our bodies from sleep, so we beseech thee to awaken our hearts to know, to love, and to serve thee.

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Through thy mercy alone do our eyes behold the light of a new day; let our minds also feel the light of thy holy spirit, and vouchsafe that by its saving help we may be enabled to do that which is agreeable to thee. Grant us to profit by the instructions, which, in our different situations, we may either give or receive. Make us humble and diligent in all our duties—feeling our unworthiness of thy favours and the value of the time thou hast given us for our improvement.

Protect us during this day from all evils both of soul and body, from all temporal misfortunes, and from all occasions of offending thee. Grant, O Lord, that we may employ this day for the best purposes; that we may direct all our thoughts, words, and actions to thy honour and glory; and that we may thus hourly endeavour to improve in every heavenly grace, and in every christian virtue. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

To Live for Death.

Oh Lord, since thou hast appointed unto all men once to die and after death to be judged, give us grace to remember that time passes quickly away; that it is not only short but uncertain; and that at this very hour thou mayest require our souls of us, and call upon us to account even for the manner in which we have begun this day. Oh make us properly value our own happiness; and lest we should be miserable for all eternity, make us endeavour to live through every hour as if we thought each hour would be our last. Of ourselves, weak and sinful as we

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are, we cannot hope to do this; but do thou most merciful Saviour, grant us that aid which can alone avail us, and for the blessing of which we now devoutly pray.

Jesus, grant us grace to order our lives with reference to our eternal welfare, intending and designing all the impulses of our souls and bodies, to fit them for the enjoyment of thy infinite and eternal happiness.

For what else is this world but a school to train up souls and fit them for the other? and how can they be fitted unless they keep constantly in view the object of their existence?

Break our froward spirits, make us humble and obedient to thy will: grant us grace to prepare to depart hence with contempt of this world, and hearts filled with joy at going to thee.

Let the memory of thy passion make us cheerfully undergo all temptations and sufferings here for thy sake, while our souls breathe after the blissful state which that passion has opened to us in heaven.

Oh Jesus, make us frequently and attentively consider that whatsoever we gain, if we lose thee all is lost; and that whatsoever we lose, if we gain thee all is gained.

May thy divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through thy mercy rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

WEDNESDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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For Devout Dispositions.

Grant, oh merciful God, that we may ever earnestly desire the things that are agreeable to thee; that we may search after them with prudence, that we may discern them without mistake, and perfectly accomplish them to the praise and glory of thy name. Do thou order our state of life, and bestow upon us the knowledge of what thou requirest us to do, and then help us to execute it as we ought and as will most benefit our own souls.

Lord God, grant that we may be neither puffed up with prosperity, nor cast down with adversity. Let all that passes away have only a temporary value to us; and all that concerns thee be dear to us for thy sake, and thou, oh God, above all things. Let that joy be our aversion which is displeasing to thee, and let us never desire anything besides thyself. Let us never repine at suffering for thee; and let our hearts never rest thoughtless of thy providence. Grant us to raise up our minds frequently to heaven, and help us to reflect on our failings with sorrow, and a purpose of amendment. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

For Good Tempers.

Almighty God, we desire to resign into thy hands all the faculties of our souls. Make us, we beseech thee, obedient, without contradiction; poor, without losing courage; patient, without grumbling; humble, without counterfeiting; cheerful, without levity; or sorrowful, without desponding; speakers of the truth, without double dealing. Grant us to do good without pre-

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sumption; to edify our neighbours both by word and example, without dissembling.

Give us, O Lord, watchful hearts, not to be carried away by idle vanities and temptations; generous hearts, not to be borne down by any unworthy affections; upright hearts, not to be misled by opportunities; invincible hearts, not to be broken by tribulations; hearts entirely free from all that may interfere with holy aspirations to thee.

Lord God, bestow upon us understandings, enlightened with the knowledge of thee; diligence, bent upon seeking thee; wisdom to find thee, or perseverance to wait for thee with fidelity and hope. Let us partake of thy painful sufferings by penance, and make a right use of thy benefits on our way to thy country of eternal glory.

Oh Jesus, do thou help us to overcome all temptations to sin, and the malice of our ghostly enemies.

Strengthen us in soul and body, that we may please thee by executing such works of mercy as may bring us to thy everlasting kingdom.

Grant us a firm purpose, most merciful Saviour, to amend our lives, and to compensate for days past—for those years which we have mispent to thy displeasure in vain, or wicked thoughts, words, deeds, and evil customs.

Make our hearts obedient to thy will, and ready for thy love to perform all the works of mercy.

Grant us the gift of the Holy Ghost, which may at length bring us, through virtuous and contented lives, to thy presence in paradise. Amen.

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May thy divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THURSDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

An Act of Gratitude.

With all the faculties of our souls we bless and praise thee, oh eternal Lord, for all the mercies thou hast bestowed upon us; for creating us to thy own image and likeness; for sending thy almighty Son to redeem us with his precious blood; and for associating us by baptism, to the children of thy adoption. All that could be hoped for from the most bountiful creator, thou hast fulfilled towards us; tempering thy justice with mercy, and ever calling upon us not to reject those means of salvation which thou hast provided for our weakness.

To thee, oh Lord, we render our most grateful thanks for having expected from our childhood to this time, that we might come to the amendment of our lives, and to the grateful acknowledgment of all thy benefits. We praise and glorify thee, for having so often delivered us from distresses and misfortunes, and especially for having preserved us from the punishment due to our sins. We praise and glorify thee for having bestowed upon us so many favors in common with others, and so many particular benefits which others have wanted, and which we have in no

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way deserved. We beseech thy goodness so to perfect these thy gifts, as to remove from our hearts whatever displeaseth thee; and to deliver us from all such dangers and difficulties as may hinder our progress to thee, or prevent our looking forward to thy blessed haven of rest and peace. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

For Charity and Thankfulness.

Almighty God, let us still and ever adore thee as our creator and sovereign; let us still and ever acknowledge the many benefits thou hast conferred upon us, in relation both to body and soul. Oh let us not continue to be ungrateful and unprofitable servants. In returning thee thanks for having preserved us during the past night, let us determine to labour this day with more diligence than we have hitherto done, for obtaining that immortal glory which thou hast prepared for us. Let our hearts be every day more spiritualized, that they may still render thee a more ample tribute of praise and thanksgiving. Never, oh Lord, leave us to ourselves, but let thy holy fear be always in our thoughts, to curb and keep us within the compass of obedience. Let that fear, which is the beginning of wisdom, lead us on to the more perfect love which may banish fear and temper all trials and temptations, that we may never more be overcome. For thou knowest how frail we are, and that our strength is nothing; thou knowest we have nothing to depend upon but thee. Give us therefore such a thankfulness for past favours,

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as may secure to our souls a continuance of thy heavenly protection. Amen.

Hail Mary, &c.

For Brotherly Love.

Almighty Saviour, who hast taught us to consider this life as a preparation to a blessed immortality of which none can partake who do not carry with them from hence that spirit of peace and charity which may be suited to the divine harmony of paradise, grant us to cultivate those feelings of brotherly love to one another, and of thankfulness towards thee, which a common share in thy favours ought ever to beget.

Jesus grant us thy grace to love all men in thee, and thyself above all. Grant us truly to love thee for thy infinite goodness, and those blessings we have received and ever hope to receive from thee.

Let the remembrance of thy kindness and patience master the evil inclinations of our perverted nature.

Let the thought of thy many calls and helps in the way of our lives, make us tremble at our ingratitude

For what dost thou require of us for all thy mercies, but to be grateful and obedient? and why dost thou require it, but for our good?

Oh Jesus, encourage us to give up our whole lives to thee for the future, in token of our humble acknowledgement of all thy past favours and forbearance. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with

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us, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FRIDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

For Salvation through the Redemption.

Oh blessed Jesus, the God of mercy, and overflowing fountain of compassion, we humbly beseech thee to grant us grace to spend this passing life in virtuous and holy exercises: that when the day of death shall come, though we may feel pain in the body, we may find comfort in our souls; and with faithful hope in thy mercy, sincere love of thee, and perfect charity towards the world, may depart from this vale of misery to be received into that glorious country in which thy sacred blood has purchased for us an everlasting inheritance. O let us be ever mindful of the mysterious order of our redemption; let us be ever mindful of the cause and object of thy death. Grant us to apply to our souls the merits of thy redeeming sacrifice, without which thy fallen creatures could never have aspired to pass the bright gates of heaven. O let not that sacred blood have been shed for us in vain! Let us rather have ever in remembrance the bitterness of thy passion, and daily learn to die to the world for the love of thee who hast vouchsafed

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to die upon the cross to rescue us from thy offended justice. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary, &c.

For a Happy Death.

Receive oh gracious Lord, our humble thanks for having given us an object, the attainment of which is deserving of all our endeavours; for having opened to us the bright prospect of heaven as a goal to which all our energies in this life can be alone worthily directed. We bless and praise thy goodness for having thus raised our ambition above the petty cares and pursuits of this world, which could present no object to satisfy the wants of those immortal souls thou hast breathed into us. Oh enable us to resist all those weaknesses by which we have attached too much importance to the things of this world, which have so often led us to think of death with fear, rather than with gratitude and trembling hope. Teach us, oh Lord, in future, to reflect on our latter end more rationally than we have hitherto done; and if we dread the justice of thy judgments, enable us to cleanse our consciences now, that we may look forward to the bliss which thou hast prepared for us in heaven, as to a sure inheritance, in which we are destined to possess an everlasting share, and of which we can be deprived by nothing but our own wilfulness.

Grant us, therefore, most merciful Saviour, to look forward with cheerful hope to the time of our death, and to the great account we are then to give; that our souls being always well dis-

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posed, they may depart out of this world in thy grace.

Then remember thy mercy, and turn not thy face from us because of our offences; secure us against the terrors of that day, by causing us now to die daily to all earthly things, and to have our continual conversation in heaven.

Let the remembrance of thy death teach us how to esteem life, and the memory of thy resurrection encourage us to descend cheerfully to the grave with the assured hope of arising again to thee, and to a blessed immortality. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SATURDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

For a Christian Life

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we give thee our most humble and heartfelt thanks for all thy goodness to us and all men. We thank thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all we thank

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thee for the inestimable love shown in thy redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And we beseech thee to give us such a due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may always be really grateful, and that we may show forth thy praise not only with our lips, but also in our lives; that we may give ourselves up to thy service, and by walking before thee all the days of our lives, strive for the blissful hereafter which heaven offers to our endeavours. Amen.

Hail Mary, &c.

The Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

Oh almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and has promised that, when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, oh Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Against Worldly Cares.

We beseech thee most merciful Lord Jesus, to protect us from the dangers of business and inordinate care; and so to ward off from us the temptations of this world, that we may never be ensnared by any of its more engrossing interests. Keep us from all irregular sadness, grief, and worldly fear, and from whatever thou knowest to be a hindrance to our souls. And hereby, oh Lord, we ask to be delivered not only from the greater sins, but also from those daily weaknesses

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which proceed from the common corruption of mankind and our own fallen natures, which calling us back to earth, prevent our spirits from soaring to thee when we would.

Help us, oh Lord, that flesh and blood may not overcome us, and make us prefer a short and deceitful pleasure, before an immense and eternal joy; that we may not make less account of the honour and treasures of thy everlasting kingdom, than of the vain honours and perishing riches of the world; and lastly, that we may not be circumvented by the crafts and wiles of the enemy, who never ceases to endeavour our destruction. Give us, oh Lord, spiritual prudence to discern, courage to resist, patience to suffer, and constancy to persevere. Give us, rather than any worldly comfort, the sweet consolations of the Holy Ghost, and pour into our souls the all-pervading love of thy holy name. Make us to continue in virtue and godliness, and never to give over thy service, till thou bringest us to our reward in thy kingdom.

In all pious customs and holy duties, in our honest and necessary employments, confirm and strengthen, oh Lord, both our souls and bodies.

Is our life anything but a pilgrimage on earth towards the new Jerusalem, to which he that sits down or turns out of the way can never arrive?

Oh Jesus, make us always consider thy blessed example—through how much pain and how little pleasure thou didst press on to a bitter death—that being the way to a glorious resurrection.

Make us, divine Redeemer, seriously weigh those severe words of thine, that he only who perseveres to the end shall be saved.

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May thy divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through thy mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Grace before Meals.

May He who is blessed, bless; through Christ our Lord.

Or,

Bless us, oh Lord, and these thy gifts, which, by thy bounty, we are about to receive. Amen.

Grace after Meals.

Blessed be He who is blessed; through Christ our Lord.

Or,

We give thee thanks, oh Lord, for all thy mercies; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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IN MANY CONGREGATIONS IN ENGLAND, THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS ARE SAID BEFORE MASS.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—A. *Amen.*

O Lord, open thou our lips.—A. *And our mouths shall declare thy praise.*

Let us adore the Glory of the Lord.—A. *Let us adore the God of our Salvation.*

The King of Heaven inviteth us and graciously calleth us into his sacred presence; to him we owe all the days of our lives; let us give, at least, this one to his service.—A. *Let us adore the Lord of Glory.*

Always are the Angels assembled in their choirs above; always are the Saints ready with their hymns; behold now the church also prepareth her solemn offices, and summoneth all her children to bring in their tribute of prayer and praise.—A. *Let us adore the God of our Salvation.*

Come, let us rejoice before the Lord; let us sing joyfully to God our Saviour; let us make haste to approach his presence, and proclaim his praises; for great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; in his hands are all the ends of the earth.—A. *Let us adore the God that made us.*

Let us adore, and fall down, and lament before

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the Lord that made us: for he is the Lord our God, and we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.—A. *Let us adore and fall down before him.*

To-day, if ye shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts, but listen awfully to his word, and bend your knees before his holy altars.—A. *We will adore the Lord of Glory, we will worship the God of our Salvation.*

OUR Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name: Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

A Prayer before the Acts.

Oh almighty and eternal God, grant to us an increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and that we may deserve to obtain what thou promisest; make us to love what thou commandest, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Faith.

WE most firmly believe there is one only true and living God; but that in this one God there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: That the Son took to himself the nature of man from the Virgin Mary's womb, by the operation of the power of the Holy Ghost; and that in this our human nature, he was crucified and died for us; that afterwards he rose again, and ascended into heaven; whence he

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shall come to reward the just with everlasting glory, and to inflict everlasting punishment on the wicked. Moreover we believe whatsoever else the catholic church proposeth to be believed; and this because God, who is the sovereign truth, which can neither err, nor lead into error, hath revealed all these things to this his church.—A. *Grant, O God, that we may humbly receive, and firmly hold fast all those truths which thou hast revealed and thy church hath proposed to our belief.*

An Act of Hope.

O GOD, relying on thy Almighty Power, and thy infinite mercy and goodness; and because thou art faithful to thy promises, we trust in thee that thou wilt grant us forgiveness of our sins, through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son; and that thou wilt give us the assistance of thy grace, with which we may labour to persevere to the end in the diligent exercise of all good works, and thus deserve to obtain the glory which thou hast promised in heaven.—A. *This hope, thus grounded on thy mercy, thy power, and thy promises, still more, O God, confirm and strengthen in us.*

An Act of Charity.

WE love thee, O God, with our whole hearts and above all things, because thy infinite perfections are most worthy of our love, and because thou art infinitely good to us. For thy sake also, we desire to love every neighbour as we do ourselves; we renounce every thought which is contrary to that love of one another, by which

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men are known to be the disciples of thy Son; we forgive all who have any ways injured us, and we beg thy grace and mercy for all the world. —A. *Thus only, O Lord, can we satisfy our duty, and thy commandments, of loving thee above all things, and our neighbour as ourselves.*

An Act of Contrition.

O GOD, who art infinitely holy, and ever hatest sin: we beg thy pardon for all our offences against thee; we detest them all, and are sorry for them, because they are displeasing to thee, O God of infinite goodness: by thy grace we are resolved to sin no more, and we will avoid those occasions which may lead us into sin.—A. *Wherfore, O God, we come before thee this day, to beg pardon of all our past transgressions, and to implore thine assistance for the time to come.*

Then are said the Litanies of the Season.

FOR THE WINTER QUARTER, BEGINNING WITH ADVENT,

THE LITANY.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us,

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Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
O God eternal, Creator of all things,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Father of glory, and Lord of heaven and Earth,
Father of mercies, and God of all comfort,
Who hast made us to thine own image,
Who hast redeemed us by thy only Son,
Who hast adopted us thy children,
Who hast given thine angels charge of us,
Who hast encompassed us with all blessings,
Who hast prepared for us an eternal kingdom,
Who hast called us into the fellowship of thy Saints,
Who givest a good spirit to those that ask it,
Who showest mercy to those that seek it,
Who art blessed on thy throne of glory,
Who art adored by all the blessed,
Who art the happiness of the elect,
Who art served by all creatures,
Who permittest us, wretched sinners, to praise thy name.
Who art the comfort of our pilgrimage, and object of our hope,
Have mercy on us.
Be merciful, O Lord, and spare us.
Be merciful, O Lord, and hear us.

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From the spirit of infidelity,
From profaneness and irreligion,
From the contempt of thy worship,
From the abuse of those places which are sacred to thee,
From all kind of irreverence in thy holy presence,
From the neglect of our prayers,
From sloth, coldness, and indevotion in time of prayer,
From a dissipated and worldly spirit at that holy time
From dejection and want of hope,
We sinners, *We beseech thee hear us.*

O Lord, deliver us.

That we may be ever thankful for whatever opportunities thou art pleased to give us of meeting in thy worship, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That we may lay hold of all such opportunities for thy greater glory, and the good of our souls,
That we may ever appear before thee with a sense of our unworthiness, and of thy awful majesty, in whose presence the pillars of heaven tremble,
That we may come before thee as sinful creatures, admitted into the choirs of blessed spirits, with them to join our praises, and permitted to adore before thy throne,
That we may come before thee as petitioners whose wants are infinite, who can have no supply but from thy bounty,
That we may come before thee as poor wretched creatures, perishing under a variety of dangerous distempers, who have no hopes of help but from thy hand,

We beseech thee, hear us.

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That we may come before thee as humble and unhappy criminals, who stand sentenced to the torments of an everlasting death, and can have no deliverance but from thy mercy,

That hence, as often as we appear before thee, it may ever be with a reverence becoming thy majesty, with a heart fixed on thy goodness, and with a fervency answerable to our wants,

That thou wouldest vouchsafe to give a like spirit to all the faithful, that so all indecencies, irreverences, abuses, and scandals, may be removed from all places of thy worship,

That as to us, thou hast mercifully enlarged the liberties of thy worship, so throughout the world, all restraints may be removed,

That thou wouldest mercifully assist us in preparing our hearts to be the temples of the Holy Ghost, that so thou, O God, mayest ever abide within us,

That while we serve thee with outward decency, we may be likewise solicitous to adore thee in spirit and truth,

That thou wouldest vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,

We beseech thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; *Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; *Have mercy on us.*

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Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

Let us Pray.

SHEW mercy to us, O God, and grant these our requests; not only to us, but to all the faithful, that all may serve thee in spirit and truth; that all abuses, irreverences and scandals being banished from the places of thy worship, they may become the houses of prayer, and nothing be admitted there, but what is well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, be our intercessors with the Lord, that we may be succoured and secured by him who liveth and reigneth to everlasting ages.—A. Amen.

A Prayer to be said by the Priest immediately before Mass.

AND now, O God, calling to mind with the greatest gratitude the blessed passion of thy Son, Christ our Lord, as also his ressurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; we prepare to offer to thy divine Majesty a pure, holy, and spotless victim; for so thou hast ordained it; the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of our salvation. Look down, therefore, upon them, O Lord, with a propitious and serene countenance, and accept them, as thou wast pleased to accept the offerings of thy righteous servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our father Abraham, and that which thy high

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priest Melchisedech offered to thee, a holy sacrifice and a spotless victim.

THE LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS.

GLORY be to God on high.
And peace on earth to men of good will.
We praise thee.
We bless thee.
We adore thee.
We glorify thee; we give thee thanks for thy great glory.
Lord God, heavenly king, Father Almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Who takest away the sins of the world.
Hear our prayers.
Who sittest at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For thou only art holy.
Thou only art our Lord.
Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art most high, together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Blessed Jesus, true God and man, born in the form of a helpless infant.
Praise and glory be to thee for ever.
Blessed Jesus, who having the heavens for thy throne, didst yet choose a poor stable for thy abode.
Praise and glory, &c.
Blessed Jesus, who being God incomprehensi-

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ble, wast pleased, in love to us, to be wrapped up in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.

Praise, &c.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because he hath visited and hath wrought the redemption of his people.

And he hath raised up to us a powerful salvation in the family of David his servant.

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy Prophets, who were from the beginning.

That he would save us from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.

To shew his mercy towards our fathers; and to be mindful of his holy covenant.

According to the oath which he swore to our father Abraham to grant us.

That being delivered from the hands of our enemies, we might serve him without fear.

In holiness and justice before him all our days.

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, the rising light hath visited us from on high;

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shades of death, to direct our feet in the way of peace.

Glory, &c.

PRAYER.

O ETERNAL God, Father Almighty, who in compassion to lost man didst send thy only Son to become his Redeemer from that unhappy state; grant, we beseech thee, that we, who are here assembled to acknowledge the mercy of this time, may find the benefit of it in our souls, in

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the pardon of all our sins: Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, &c.—A. Amen.

FOR THE SPRING QUARTER, BEGINNING WITH LENT.

The Prayers and Acts as in the first Quarter, after which,

THIS LITANY.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Behold we were conceived in sin; and in iniquity our mothers brought us forth;
As we have grown in years, we have multiplied our offences; and every day thy goodness adds to our lives, our wickedness increases the heap of our transgressions;
The law of our body makes war against the law of our mind, and brings us into subjection to sin; so that the good which we would, we do not, and the evil which we would not, that we do;
We have sinned in the vain thoughts and

Have mercy on us.

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unlawful desires of our hearts, in the idle talk and perverse words of our mouths, in the wicked works, and fruitless course of our lives;

We have sinned against thee by our ingratitude for thy blessings, and by our impatience under thy chastisements, by preferring ourselves, and the satisfaction of our own appetites and desires, before thee, and the observance of thy holy commandments;

We have sinned against others, in not doing to them as we would have them to do to us; and against our own souls, in pursuing more eagerly the things of this life, than those which belong to our eternal happiness;

We have sinned in delaying our repentance, and breaking the solemn promise of amending our lives; in exposing ourselves to the danger of temptation, and often omitting the opportunities of serving thee; and even our best endeavours are full of imperfections;

We have sinned, in not improving ourselves by the talents of grace and nature, which thy bounty hath committed to us; and by idly spending that precious time, and unthankfully neglecting those gracious means, which thy goodness hath allowed us for the work of our salvation;

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, most merciful Father, and pardon the multitude of our offences. Remember what our substance is; that we are but as the grass of the field, or as a vapour that passeth away, and returns no more: Remember what thou art; infinitely

Deliver us, &c.

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glorious in thyself, and infinitely good to the least of thy creatures: Remember the gracious promises of Jesus Christ; and for the merits of his sacred passion, from all our sins,

From the abuse of this day, which we are commanded to keep holy,

From sloth and indevotion,

From the neglect of prayer, and of thy sacred word,

From all occasions of mis-spending this day,

From whatever is an offence to God, or a scandal to the weak,

Deliver us, O Lord.

We sinners, *beseech thee, hear us.*

That we may have thy grace to sanctify this day, as thou hast commanded,

That we may, this day, labour to arise to a new life,

That we may, this day, examine into the state of our souls, and resolve to amend whatever is displeasing to thee,

That we may be converted from all our evil ways, and by a sincere repentance obtain thy peace,

That we may, this day, be so strengthened in our faith, as to bend our whole endeavours upon seeking those eternal goods which faith teacheth us, and live by faith,

That thy holy spirit would, this day, descend and take possession of our hearts, and so confirm us in every duty, that no earthly considerations may be able to prevail against us to the transgressions of thy law,

That we may, this day, join with the

We beseech thee, hear us.

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blessed above, in praising, adoring, and praying to thee, and prepare our souls to celebrate, with them, an eternal sabbath,

That we may not give this day to earth, or self-love, which is consecrated to heaven, but employ it in such exercises as may raise our hearts above creatures, and unite them to thee by love, who art our only sovereign and everlasting good,

That thou wouldest vouchsafe graciously to hear us, and grant these our petitions,

Son of God,

We beseech thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; *Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; *Have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, the Protector of all that hope in thee, without whom nothing can have either strength or holiness, multiply thy mercy, we beseech thee, upon us, that thou being our governor and our guide, we may so pass through the goods of this life, as not to lose those which are eternal; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. Amen.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins which we have committed.

A. *Nor punish us as our iniquities deserve.*

V. Help us O God, our Saviour; and for the glory of thy name deliver us.

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A. *O Lord, deliver us; and for the glory of thy name pardon us our offences.*

V. The priests, the ministers of the Lord, shall weep between the porch and the altar, and shall say, Spare, O Lord, spare thy people.

A. *We therefore beseech thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood; O Lord, have mercy on us; have mercy on us.*

LET US PRAY.

GRANT us, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy assistance, whereby we may go through the observance of this holy fast; that what we have undertaken by thy appointment, we may by thy grace accomplish, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. Amen.

On week days in Lent the following Prayers may be said.

COME, let us adore and fall prostrate before God: let us lament before the Lord who made us: for he is the Lord our God; and we have sinned; we have done evil and dealt wickedly.

V. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

A. *And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.*

V. Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

A. *For I acknowledge my iniquity, and my sin is ever before me.*

V. Turn away thy face from my sins.

A. *And blot out all my iniquities.*

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HAVE mercy on us, O most merciful Father, and according to the multitude of thy tender compassion, pardon the multitude of our grievous offences. Remember what our substance is, that we are but as the grass in the field, or a vapour that passeth away, and returns not again. Remember what thou art, infinitely glorious in thyself, and infinitely good to the least of thy creatures. Remember the gracious promises of thy beloved Son, our Redeemer; and for the merits of his sacred passion, from all our sins, O Lord deliver us.

On week days in Lent, add the versicles, responses, and prayers, pages 38—39.

THE LITANY FOR EASTER.

LET us sing Hallelujahs to the King of Glory, because, having laid down his life for our redemption, he is now risen to a life immortal.

Come, let us rejoice in God our Saviour because he hath redeemed his people, and is risen triumphant over the power of hell.

Praise our Lord, for he is good; for his mercy continueth for ever.

Let those speak who have been redeemed by our Lord; who have been delivered by him out of the hands of the enemy.

That sat in darkness and in the shade of death, straitened with poverty, and bound in irons.

And in their tribulation they cried to our Lord, and he relieved them from all their calamities.

And he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shade of death, and broke asunder their chains,

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Let them praise our Lord for his wonderful deeds to the sons of men.

For he hath made the brazen gates fly in pieces, and hath broken the iron bars.

My soul bless our Lord: O Lord my God, thou hast made thy greatness wonderfully to appear.

Thou hast put on majesty and glory; thou art clothed with light as with a garment.

By the strength of thy arm thou hast dispersed thy enemies; and thy youth is renewed as that of an eagle.

A voice of joy and of salvation is heard in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected, is made the corner stone.

This is the work of our Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day which our Lord hath made, let us triumph and rejoice therein.

Make this a day of solemnity, because our Lord is exalted above his enemies.

Sing to our Lord a new canticle, let his praise be celebrated in the assembly of Saints.

Come, let us rejoice in God our Saviour, because he hath redeemed his people, and is risen triumphant over the powers of hell.

Jesus Redeemer of mankind,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus who hast cleansed us by thy blood,
Have, &c.
Jesus the conqueror of sin and death,
Have, &c.
We sinners, *beseech thee, hear us,*

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That we may put off the old man with his acts.
That we may not be conformed to this world.
That we may deny all ungodliness and worldly desires.
That we may live soberly, justly, and piously.
That being dead to sin, we may live to justice.
That arising with thee, our Redemer, we may die no more.

We beseech thee hear us.

Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world. *Spare us, O Lord, &c.*
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

PRAYER.

O GOD, who by thy only Son hast, this day, opened the passage to eternity, through his victory over death; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to confirm us by thy grace that we may walk in all our ways like those who have been redeemed from sin: through the same *Jesus Christ* our Lord. Amen.

THE LITANY FOR WHITSUNTIDE.

COME, Holy Spirit, send down from heaven the rays of thy divine light.
C me, thou, who art the father of the poor, the author of all good gifts, and the light of our hearts.

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Come, thou, the best of comforters, the sweet guest, and sweetest refreshment of our souls.

The rest of our labours, the ruler of our passions, the comfort of our tears.

O blessed light, come, penetrate the very centre of the hearts of the faithful.

Without thy grace what can man do? how can he guiltless be?

Wash therefore, Lord, our polluted souls, water our barren clay, and heal our wounds.

Soften our stubborn wills, inflame our tepid hearts, and guide our wandering steps.

Grant to thy faithful, who trust in thee, the treasure of thy sevenfold gifts.

Grant us a virtuous life, a happy death, and a happy eternity.

By thy sacred presence and almighty power,

O holy Spirit, deliver us.

From the spirit of the world, and of a disorderly life;

From the spirit of sloth, of self-love, and of the love of ease;

From the spirit of hatred and contention;

From the spirit of intemperance and impurity;

From the spirit of pride, vanity, and all manner of ambition;

From the spirit of envy and contradiction;

From the spirit of detraction, calumny, and all kind of uncharitableness;

From the spirit of dissembling, flattering, and lying;

From the spirit of revenge, passion, and impatience;

O, Holy Spirit, deliver us.

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From the spirit of incredulity, and profaneness;
From the spirit of immoderate solicitude, and worldly care;
From the spirit of tepidity, coldness, and indevotion;
From the spirit of prodigality and of covetousness;
From the spirit of lightness and inconstancy;
O, Holy, &c.

Send then, O God, we beseech thee, the Holy Ghost into our hearts; and may he give us the spirit of universal charity, by which we may love thee above all things, and our neighbours as ourselves. *We beseech, &c.*

Lamb of God, who takest away, &c.

Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

PRAYER.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that thy holy Spirit, which proceedeth from thee, may enlighten and regenerate our hearts, and guide us into all truth, according to the promise of thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, &c. A. Amen.

FOR THE SUMMER QUARTER, BEGINNING WITH TRINITY SUNDAY.

The Prayers and Acts, as in the first Quarter, after which

THIS LITANY.

LORD have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.

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Jesus receive our prayers;
Lord Jesus grant our petitions.

I. O God the Father, eternal fountain of all being;
Thou who hast chosen us in thy Son, before the creation of the world;
Thou, who didst so love the world, as to give thy only Son to redeem it;
Thou, who hast prepared for us a glorious inheritance, if we love thee, and keep thy commandments;
II. O God the Son, eternal word of the Father;
Thou, who to save us sinners, tookest upon thee the frail nature of man;
Thou, who for our redemption, becamest obedient to death, even the death of the cross;
Thou, who, at the last and dreadful day, wilt come with glory to judge the living and the dead;
III. O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son;
Thou, by whom was wrought the glorious mystery of our Saviour's incarnation;
Thou, who art the free dispenser of all graces, and our faithful comforter in all afflictions;
O sacred Trinity, three persons and one God, of equal glory and co-eternal majesty;
O sacred Trinity, from whom, by whom, and in whom are all things;
O sacred Trinity, to whom all the angels and saints of heaven continually sing, Holy, Holy, Holy;

Have mercy on us.

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Blessed for ever be thy name, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the immensity of thy power, which at first created all things of nothing, and still preserveth them, that they return not again to nothing.—A. *My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.*

For the riches of thy bounty, which filleth every thing, according to its capacity; and for the wisdom of thy councils, which sweetly dispose, and irresistibly govern the whole frame of the world;

For thy provident forewarning us against the danger of sin, by threatening hell to our offences; and for graciously inviting us to our own happiness, by promising Heaven as a reward to our obedience;

And blessed be thou, O Jesus, Son of God, and Saviour of mankind, for thy infinite glory in itself, and thy infinite love towards us;

For thy meek subjection to thy parents; for thy fasting and retirement; for thy miraculous and beneficent works; for all thy sufferings and ignominious death;

For thy glorious resurrection from the grave, and triumphant ascension into Heaven; for sending the Holy Ghost to abide with thy church for ever, and promising to be with us thyself to the end of the world;

And blessed be thou, O God the Holy Ghost, who proceedest from the Father and the Son, for thy continual preservation of the church in truth, unity, and holiness; for infusing the love of God into our hearts, and comforting us in all our temporal dis-

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

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tresses with the hope of eternal happiness;

And blessed be thou, O Lord, among thy innumerable benefits, for thy One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; for the steadiness of faith, and peace of conscience, which we experience by relying on her authority; for the adorable sacrifice of the altar, and the plentiful means of salvation, which we so happily enjoy in her communion;

For the particular benefits bestowed upon us, and the many dangers from which thou hast delivered us; for our education, health, condition, and state of life; for our daily bread, and all thy other temporal blessings;

My soul doth magnify thee, &c.

For the check of our own conscience, and the motions of the Holy Spirit; for thy patience in expecting our repentance, and for the opportunities which thou offerest us of amending our lives; for our frequent deliverance from the occasions of sin, and for all thy other spiritual blessings; ....A. *My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord, and my spirit rejoiceth in God, my Saviour.*

Be thou exalted, O God, above the clouds: and thy glory above the heavens.... A. *Whilst we live, we will sanctify thy name; we will sing praises to our God, whilst we have any being.*

O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, from whom descendeth every good and perfect gift, graciously accept this humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving from us thy servants, and mercifully

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grant that the frequent meditation on thy infinite goodness may force our wills to love thee above all things, and the serious consideration of thy incomprehensible majesty, captivate our understanding to the obedience of faith; that we may here, in reverence of thy word, believe what we do not see, and hereafter in the blissful vision of thy glory, see more than we now believe; through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE AUTUMN QUARTER, BEGINNING WITH SEPTEMBER.

The Prayers and Acts as in the first Quarter, after which

THIS LITANY.

LORD, have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*
That we may learn to submit our reason to the obedience of faith, and so much the more exalt the wonders of thy goodness as they exceed the capacity of our understandings.
That we may continually praise thy sovereign Majesty for the being thou hast given us, acknowledging our dependence on thee, and adoring thy unsearchable councils in the government of the world.
Vouchsafe, O God, to conduct us by thy

Have mercy on us.

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wisdom, to restrain us by thy justice, to comfort us by thy mercy, to defend us by thy power.

To thee we desire to consecrate all our thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; that henceforward we may think of thee, speak of thee, constantly refer all our actions to thy glory, and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Give us strength to subdue our passions, to overcome temptations, and to acquire the virtues that are proper for our state.

Fill our hearts with affection for thy goodness, a hatred for our faults, a love for our neighbours, and a contempt for the world.

Teach us to be dutiful to our superiors, conciliating to our inferiors, faithful to our friends, and charitable to our enemies.

Assist us to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by almsdeeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

Make us prudent in our undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in afflictions, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that we be punctual at our morning and evening devotions, temperate at our meals, diligent in our employments, and constant in our good resolutions.

Let our consciences be ever upright and pure, our exterior modest, our conversation edifying, and our comportment regular.

Discover to us the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Hear us, O Lord.

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Be merciful, O Lord, and spare us.

Be merciful, O Lord, and hear us.

From the dangers most justly threatening our sins, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From the spirit of pride, profaneness, and hypocrisy, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From schism, heresy, and all blindness of heart, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

From all uncleanness, gluttony, drunkenness, swearing, and the false liberty of an undisciplined life, *Deliver us, O Lord.*

We sinners, *beseech thee, hear us.*

That in thy temple and in thy solemn worship all may behave themselves, both pastor and people, with that true piety, reverence, and respect, becoming thy adorable majesty.

That it may please thee mercifully to look down from heaven on those that suffer, and strengthen them in their afflictions.

That it may please thee particularly to have mercy on our relations, friends, and benefactors, and open their eyes to see the beauty of thy truth, and give them grace to embrace it.

That by no temptation the weakest of us may be drawn to fall away from thee and thy truth.

That it may please thee to preserve the Catholics of this land from all sin and wickedness, and so to adorn their lives with solid piety, that others seeing their good works, may glorify thee our heavenly Father.

O God, by whose mercy the world subsisteth, and to whose power every nation of the

We beseech thee, hear us.

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earth is subject, have mercy on this nation, and according to its necessities, which are all known to thee, pour forth thy blessings upon it.

Give to all its inhabitants, O Lord, the spirit of the gospel; grant that all its magistrates may administer justice; and inspire us all with a zeal for unity, peace, and truth.

Son of God,

We beseech, &c.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, &c. *Hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, &c. *Have mercy on us.*

Christ hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and eternal God, who hast appointed us six days, in which we may labour and do all our work, and hast consecrated the seventh to thyself: grant, we beseech thee, that according as thou hast commanded, we may sanctify this day, by devoting it entirely to thy love and service. Mercifully forgive us all our past neglects of this kind: pardon the sins we have been guilty of during the course of the week, and give us grace to avoid them for the future. Make us sensible, O God, of the daily blessing we receive from thy bounty; that as we know thee by faith, we may love thee by charity; and fixing all our hopes on the happiness of a future life, we may patiently suffer, in submission to thy holy will, what thou now permittest, and come at length to the joys of thy heavenly kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who

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liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

WE fly to thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but obtain our deliverance from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYER.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that we thy servants may enjoy health of mind and body; and that by the intercession of the ever blessed Virgin, all thy Saints likewise interceding for us, we may be delivered from present sorrow, and hereafter enjoy eternal happiness. Amen.

The following LITANY, *in behalf of our Country, may be said on one Sunday in each Month, instead of the above Litanies.*

LORD have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

O God, who hast been pleased to magnify thy name amongst our ancestors, and to distinguish them by the particular marks of their piety, continue the same mercy to us, we beseech thee: that now, in these days, we may seek thee with

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all our hearts, and zealously labour to copy the examples which our forefathers have left us. Amen.

For this end, we most humbly implore thy goodness, to have compassion on this our country, and by thy powerful grace to remove from it whatever is provoking or displeasing to thee.

Have mercy, O God, on this nation. *And be thou its powerful deliverer.*

From infidelity and profaneness,—*Deliver us, O Lord.*

From all irreligion, and contempt of thy sacred mysteries,
From all presumption, and the abuse of thy holy word,
From all heresies and schisms,
From gluttony and drunkenness,
From the profanation of thy holy name, in cursing and swearing.
From all kinds of prodigality and sensuality,
From frauds, and all kinds of oppression and injustice,
From the spirit of faction, of malice, hatred, and every kind of uncharitableness,
} *Deliver us, O Lord.*

O God, thou hast been a Father to this nation, and replenished it with many blessings.—*Forsake it not now, we beseech thee, and give it not up to a reprobate sense.*

Bless this people, O Lord, and be thou their inheritance.—*And sanctify us, and make us a holy nation.*

Give to all its inhabitants, O Lord, the spirit of the gospel.—*Hear us, O Lord.*

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Give to them a zeal for unity, peace, and truth.

Grant, that they may all seek the things that are above, and walk by the spirit of Christ.

Grant that all who are in error may, by thy heavenly light, be led into thy truth.

Grant that all sinners may be truly converted, and, forsaking their evil ways, return to thee their God.

Grant that all scandals may be removed.

Grant that the pastors may become the light of the world.

Grant that all magistrates may administer justice.

Grant that all of the wealthier ranks may esteem virtue their greatest honour, and be ashamed of vice.

Grant that the youth of both sexes may be withheld from all evil ways, and that they may dedicate their lives to virtue, piety, and religion.

Grant that all obstinacy and blindness may be removed from the hearts of this people, and that being reformed according to thy blessed will, they may serve thee in holiness and truth.

Hear us, O Lord.

Hear us, O Lord, now calling on thee.—*And through the infinite merits of thy only Son, grant our petitions.*

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who hast forsaken many Christian nations and in

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punishment of their sins, hast suffered them to be overrun by error and infidelity; grant, we beseech thee, that the rigour of these thy judgments may strike us with a timely fear, and that, in earnest forsaking our evil ways, we may find mercy with thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Remember, we beseech thee, thy ancient mercies, and for the sake of so many holy servants, who have been faithful to thee, shew now compassion to us, and let thy former mercies be renewed in us.—*Hear us, O Lord, and in thy mercy grant our petition.*

Give ear to us, O God, here assembled before thee, humbly prostrate in the confession of our unworthiness, and wholly confiding in thy goodness and mercy.—*Hear, likewise, O God, all those thy Saints, who, in this island, have faithfully served thee, and are now happy with thee in heaven.*

Hear them praying for their country, and let their intercession prevail, through the merits of thy only Son, through which alone all prayers, whether on earth or in heaven, can find acceptance with thee. Amen.

Let us pray.

O GOD, by whose mercy the world subsisteth and to whose power every nation of the earth is subject, have mercy on this nation, we beseech thee, and according to its necessities, which are all known to thee, so pour forth thy blessings on it, that by the help of thy grace, it may in all things be well-pleasing in thy sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A HISTORICAL PRAYER BEFORE THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

O GOD who, by the sole light of nature, hast instigated the poor tribes, who have never heard thy word, to adore thy majesty by sacrificial offering: : oh God who didst, by direct revelations to thy holy patriarchs and to thy chosen people of Israel, appoint sacrifices to be offered in thy honour and in propitiation for the sins of mankind: oh God who, by thy holy prophets, didst foretel the establishment "from the rising to the going down of the sun," of a still more holy and more perfect sacrifice to thy name, in which thy Christ should be a priest for ever according to the order of that Melchisadech who made to thee a pure offering of bread and wine: oh God who didst, on the wood of the cross, fulfil thy promises, and present thy Son a victim for the sins of the world, and who hast commanded the same sacrifice to be commemorated and repeated in an unbloody manner on our altars—thus granting us that perfect mode of adoring and propitiating thee of which all other sacrifices were but the types and figures:—grant me, oh almighty God, thy grace, so to be present at this adorable sacrifice, that I may feel the benefit of it in my soul.

I bless and praise thy goodness for not having confined the offering of this sacrifice to one place, and to one altar, as thou didst with the chosen

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people of Israel. Permit not my soul to become negligent through familiarity with thy favours; but make me sensible that I am about to stand in the immediate presence of my Saviour, and to join in offering that merciful Saviour to the Eternal Godhead. Graciously accept the offering in atonement for my sins; and, through it, enable me to obtain those virtues and blessings which my soul stands most in need of. "For now is the acceptable time:" let it be now, oh God, the time for securing my salvation. Amen.

Before the Parochial or SOLEMN MASS *on* Sundays, *the following* ANTHEMS *are sung, at sprinkling the* Holy Water.

Ant. ASPERGES me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.

Anth. THOU wilt sprinkle me, O Lord! with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou wilt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Ps. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.

Ps. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

V. Gloria Patri, &c.

Glory be to the, &c.

Ant. Asperges me, &c.

Anth. Thou wilt sprinkle me, &c.

The Priest, being returned to the Foot of the Altar, says,

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam

V. Shew us, O Lord, thy mercy.

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R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

For the Prayer, Exaudi, *see the next Page.*

From EASTER *to* WHIT-SUNDAY, *inclusively, instead of the foregoing* ANT. Asperges, &c., *the following is sung, and* Alleluias *are added to the* V. Ostende nobis, *and its* R. Et salutare, &c.

ANTHEM.

VIDI aquam egredientem de templo a latere dextro, Alleluia: et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, Allel.

Ps. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus. Gloria.

I SAW water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia: and all to whom that water came, were saved, and they shall say, Allel.

Ps. Praise the Lord, because he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. Glory, &c.

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The Prayer, Exaudi.

HEAR us, O holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God! and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all that are assembled in this place: thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PREPARATORY PRAYER BEFORE MASS.

PROSTRATE in spirit at the foot of thy holy altar, I adore thee, O Almighty God! and firmly believe that the Mass, at which I am going to assist, is the sacrifice of the body and blood of thy Son Christ Jesus. O! grant that I may assist thereat with the attention, respect, and awe due to such august mysteries: and that by the merits of the Victim there offered for me, I myself may become an agreeable sacrifice to thee, who livest and reignest with the same Son and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

The Priest at the foot of the Altar, beginning, saith.

IN Nomine Patris, † et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

Ant. Introibo ad altare Dei.

R. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anth. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who rejoiceth my youth.

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Psalm xlii.

JUDICA me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.

R. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti? et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

P. Emitte lucem tuam et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in Montem sanctum tuum, et in Tabernacula tua.

R. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus; quare tristis es, anima mea? et quare conturbas me?

R. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi: salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

JUDGE me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: from the unjust and deceitful man deliver me.

R. Since thou, O God, art my strength, why hast thou rejected me? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

P. Send forth thy light and thy truth: they have conducted me and brought me unto the holy Mount, and into thy Tabernacle.

R. And I will go unto the altar of God: to God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. I will praise thee on the harp, O God, my God: why art thou sorrowful, O my soul? and why dost thou disturb me?

R. Hope in God, for him will I still praise: he is my God, and the Saviour I look for.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to, &c.

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R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

R. Ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

P. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ, semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus sanctis, et tibi Pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes sanctos, et te, Pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. May our help be in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

Cleanse us, oh God, from all worldly affections and desires. Let nothing withdraw our minds from thee, so that we may devoutly join in this holy sacrifice. Strengthen us against all those failings which often hinder our most earnest prayers: and, in thy mercy, give us such a sorrow for our sins that they may no longer stand between us and thy saving grace. Receive our repentance, oh Lord! that we may be less unworthy to appear before thy holy altar, and to offer our hearts to thee.

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R. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducat te ad vitam æternam.

P. Amen.

R. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus sanctis, et tibi Pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione, verbo et opere, mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam, sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes sanctos, et te, Pater, orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

P. Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducat vos ad vitam æternam. R. Amen.

R. May Almighty God be merciful to thee, and, forgiving thee thy sins, bring thee to everlasting life.

P. Amen.

R. I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, thro' my fault, thro' my fault, thro' my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, and you, O Father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and, forgiving you your sins, bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

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P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum, tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.

P. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

R. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

P. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

P. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. R. Amen.

P. Thou, O God, being turned towards us, wilt enliven us.

R. And thy people will rejoice in thee.

P. Shew us, O Lord, thy mercy.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Priest, going up to the Altar, says,

Aufer a nobis quæsumus, Domine, iniquitates nostras, ut ad Sancta Sanctorum puris mereamur mentibus introire: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies: thro' Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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When come up to the Altar, he bows down, say,

Oramus te, Domine, per merita sanctorum tuorum quorum reliquiæ hic sunt, et omnium sanctorum, ut indulgere digneris omnia peccata mea. Amen.

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy saints, whose relics are under thy altars, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

When, at solemn Masses, *the* Priest, *after blessing the incense and fuming the altar by the sign of the Cross, with the following words,* "Mayest thou be blessed by him, in whose honour thou shalt be burnt," *turns to the book, and reads the* INTROIT, *say,*

INTROIT, *Dan. iii.* Whatever thou hast done to us, oh Lord, thou hast done by a just judgment: for we have sinned and disobeyed thy commandments: but glorify thy name, and deal with us according to thy great mercy.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way who walk in the law of the Lord. V. Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Whatever thou hast done to us, oh Lord, thou hast done by a just judgment: for we have sinned and disobeyed thy commandments: but glorify thy name and deal with us according to thy great mercy.

After which is alternately sung or said,

P. Kyrie eleison. R. Kyrie eleison. P. Ky-

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rie eleison. *Lord have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.*

R. Christe eleison. P. Christe eleison. R. Christe eleison. *Christ have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.*

P. Kyrie eleison. R. Kyrie eleison. P. Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

GLORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te; benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus Rex cœlestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu so-

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise thee; we bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee. We give thee thanks for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers. Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art

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lus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Turning towards the People, the Priest says,

P. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

During the COLLECTS *of the day.*

Protector. Oh God, the protector of those who hope in thee, without whose aid nothing is strong, nothing holy: increase thy mercy towards us; that under thy direction and conduct, we may so pass through the blessings of this life, as not to lose those which are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. COLLECT. *A cunctis.* Preserve us, oh Lord, we beseech thee, from all dangers of body and soul: and by the intercession of glorious and blessed Mary, the ever Virgin Mother of God, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed N. and of all thy Saints, grant us, in thy mercy, health and peace; that all adversities and errors being removed, thy Church may serve thee with a pure and undisturbed devotion. Through, &c.

III. COLLECT. *Deus qui.* Oh God, who hast prepared invisible good things for those that love thee: pour forth into our hearts an affectionate love for thee: that loving thee in all things, and above all things, we may come to the enjoyment

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of thy promises, which are above whatever we can desire. Through, &c.

In Masses for the Dead.

Fidelium. Oh God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of their sins: that, through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Who livest, &c.

(While turning to the Book, the Priest reads the Epistle.)

I. PETER III. & IV. *Dearly beloved.* Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing: for unto this are you called, that you may inherit a blessing. "For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. Let him decline from evil and do good: let him seek after peace and pursue it: because the eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and his ears unto their prayers: but the countenance of the Lord against them that do evil things." And who is he that can hurt you, if you be jealous of good? But if also you suffer any thing for justice sake, blessed are ye. And be not afraid of their fear, and be not troubled. But sanctify the Lord Jesus in your hearts.

If you be reproached for the name of Christ, you shall be blessed: for that which is of the ho-

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nour, glory, and power of God, and that which is of his spirit, resteth upon you.

Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God, commend their souls in good deeds to the faithful Creator.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL. *Ps. xxx.* Be thou unto me a God, a protector, and a house of refuge to save me. *V. Ps. lxx.* In thee, oh God, have I hoped: oh Lord, let me never be confounded.

TRACT. *Ps. cii. & lxxviii.* Deal not with us, oh Lord, according to our sins which we have committed, nor punish us according to our iniquities. *V.* Remember not, oh Lord, our former iniquities: let thy mercies speedily prevent us, for we are become exceeding poor. *V.* Help us, oh God our Saviour, and for the glory of thy name, oh Lord, deliver us, and forgive us our sins for thy name's sake.

(The prayer Munda cor meum, *before the Gospel.)*

Cleanse my heart and my lips, oh Almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal; and vouchsafe, through thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily attend to thy holy Gospel. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily, and in a becoming manner, attend to his holy Gospel. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit

P. The continuation (or the beginning) of the holy Gospel according to, &c.

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R. Glory be to thee, oh Lord.

(While turning to the Book, the Priest reads the Gospel.)

MATT. VI. VII. At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other: or he will sustain the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon. Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life what you shall eat, nor for your body what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat, and the body more than the raiment? Behold the birds of the air, for they neither sow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of much more value than they? And which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit? And for raiment, why are you solicitous? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow: they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, that not even Solomon, in all his glory, was arrayed as one of these. And if the grass of the field, which to day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, God doth so clothe; how much more you, oh, ye of little faith? Be not solicitous, therefore, saying what shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the heathens seek. For your Father knoweth that you have need of all these things. Seek ye, therefore, first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Ask, and it shall be given you: seek, and you shall find: knock, and it shall be opened to you.

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For every one that asketh, receiveth: and he that seeketh, findeth: and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

All things whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, do ye also to them. For this is the Law and the Prophets.

(At the end of the Gospel, the assistants answer.)

R. Praise be to thee, oh Christ.

Then they say with the Priest, in a low voice.

May our sins be blotted out by the words of the Gospel.

THE NICENE CREED.

CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo; Lumen de Lumine; Deum verum de Deo vero; genitum non factum; consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de cœlis. Et in-

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; consubstantial to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the

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carnatus est de spiritu Sancto, ex Maria Virgine: ET HOMO FACTUS EST.* Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris, et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis.

Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary: AND WAS MADE MAN.* He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father, and he is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit: qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam sanctam Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who, together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified: who spoke by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* At these words the assistants kneel down to adore God for the ineffable mystery of the Incarnation.

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P. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

OFFERTORY.—*Ps. ix.* Let all who know thy name, oh Lord, hope in thee; for thou forsakest not those who seek thee. Sing to the Lord who dwelleth in Sion, for he will not forget the prayer of the poor.

Dan. iii. As in holocausts of rams and bullocks, and as in thousands of fat sheep, so let our sacrifice be made in thy sight this day, that it may please thee: for there is no confusion to them that trust in thee, oh Lord.

Ps. xvi. Perfect thou my goings in thy paths, that my foot steps be not moved: Incline thy ear unto me and hear my words: Shew forth thy wonderful mercies; thou who savest them that trust in thee, oh Lord.

Oblation *of the* Host.

Suscipe, Sancte Pater, omnipotens æterne Deus, hanc immaculatam Hostiam, quam ego indignus famulus tuus offero tibi Deo meo vivo et vero, pro innumerabilibus peccatis, et offensionibus, et negligentiis meis, et pro omnibus circumstantibus; sed et pro omnibus fide-

Accept, O holy Father, almighty and eternal God, this unspotted Host, which I thy unworthy servant offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present; as also for all faithful Christians, both living

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libus Christianis, vivis atque defunctis; ut mihi et illis proficiat ad salutem in vitam æternam. Amen.

and dead; that it may avail both me and them unto life everlasting. Amen.

When the Priest puts the Wine and Water into the Chalice, he says,

Deus, qui humanæ substantiæ dignitatem mirabiliter condidisti, et mirabilius reformasti, da nobis per hujus Aquæ et Vini Mysterium ejus divinitatis esse consortes, qui humanitatis nostræ fieri dignatus est particeps, Jesus Christus Filius tuus Dominus noster: qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus sancti Deus; per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

O God, who, in creating human nature, hast wonderfully dignified it, and still more wonderfully reformed it, grant that by the mystery of this Water and Wine, we may be made partakers of his divine nature, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our human nature, *namely*, Jesus Christ our Lord thy Son, who with thee, in the unity of, &c.
Amen.

OBLATION *of the* CHALICE.

Offerimus tibi, Domine, Calicem salutaris, tuam deprecantes clementiam, ut in conspectu divinæ Majestatis tuæ, pro nostra et totius

We offer unto thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty, as a

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mundi salute cum odore suavitatis ascendat.
Amen.

sweet odour for our salvation, and for that of the whole world.
Amen.

When the Priest bows before the Altar, he says,

In spiritu humilitatis, et in animo contrito suscipiamur a te, Domine, et sic fiat sacrificium nostrum in conspectu tuo hodie, ut placeat tibi, Domine Deus.

Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility, and contrition of heart, and grant that the sacrifice we offer this day in thy sight, may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

When he blesses the Bread and Wine, he says,

Veni, sanctificator, omnipotens, æterne Deus, et benedic hoc sacrificium, tuo sancto nomini præparatum.

Come, O almighty and eternal God, the sanctifier, and bless the sacrifice, prepared for the glory of thy holy name.

Here, in solemn Masses, he blesses the Incense, saying,

Per intercessionem beati Michaelis archangeli stantis a dextris Altaris Incensi, et omnium electorum suorum, incensum istud dignetur, Dominus benedi-

May the Lord, by the intercession of blessed Michael the archangel standing at the right hand of the Altar of Incense, and of all his elect, vouchsafe to bless

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cere, et in odorem suavitatis accipere. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.—

this incense, & receive it as an odour of sweetness. Thro'. Amen.

At incensing the Bread and Wine, he says,

Incensum istud a te benedictum, ascendat ad te Domine, et descendat super nos misericordia tua.

May this incense which thou hast blest, O Lord, ascend to thee, and may thy mercy descend upon us.

At incensing the Altar, he says, Ps. cxl.

Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea sicut incensum, in conspectu tuo: elevatio manuum mearum sacrificium vespertinum. Pone, Domine, custodiam ori meo, et ostium circumstantiæ labiis meis, ut non declinet cor meum in verba malitiæ, ad excusandas excusationes in peccatis.

Let my prayer, O Lord, ascend like incense in thy sight: and the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice. Place, O Lord a guard on my mouth, and a gate of prudence before my lips, that my heart may not wander after words of malice, to seek excuses in sin.

On giving the Censer to the Deacon, he says,

May the Lord enkindle within us the fire of his love, and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen.

Washing his Hands, he says, Ps xxv. 6.

Lavabo inter innocentes manus meas:

I will wash my hands among the innocent:

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et circumdabo altare tuum, Domine.

Ut audiam vocem laudis: et enarrem universa mirabilia tua.

Domine, dilexi decorem domus tuæ, et locum habitationis gloriæ tuæ.

Ne perdas, cum impiis animam meam; et cum viris sanguinum vitam meam.

In quorum manibus iniquitates sunt, dextera eorum repleta est muneribus.

Ego autem in innocentia mea ingressus sum: redime me et miserere mei.

Pes meus stetit in directo: in ecclesiis benedicam te Domine.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, &c.

and will encompass thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise, and publish all thy marvellous works.

Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house, and the place of the habitation of thy glory.

Destroy not my soul with the impious; and my life with men of bloody minds.

In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with bribes.

But I have walked in my innocence; redeem me, and have mercy on me.

My feet have stood in the right path; in the assembly I will bless thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Bowing before the middle of the Altar, he says,

Suscipe, sancta Trinitas hanc oblationem quam tibi offerimus, ob memoriam Passionis,

Receive, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to thee in memory of the Passion,

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Resurrectionis, et Ascensionis Jesu Christi Domini nostri; et in honorem beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis et beati Joannis Baptistæ, et sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, et istorum et omnium Sanctorum, ut illis proficiat ad honorem nobis autem ad salutem: et illi pro nobis intercedere dignentur in cœlis quorum memoriam agimus in terris. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honour of the blessed Mary ever a Virgin, of blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints; that it may be available to their honour and our salvation: and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Thro' the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then turning himself towards the People, he says,

Orate Fratres, ut meum ac vestrum sacrificium acceptabile fiat apud Deum Patrem omnipotentem.

R. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis, ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, and to our benefit, and to that of his holy Church.

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While the Priest, turning to the Book, reads the SECRET:—

Receive, we beseech thee, oh Lord, the offerings we bring, which are the gifts of thine own bounty: that these most holy mysteries may, by the power of thy grace, make our conduct in this life holy, and bring us to those joys which will never end. Look down, also, favourably, we beseech thee, on our supplications in behalf of thy servants departed; that as thou wast pleased to bestow on them the merit of Christian faith, thou wouldst also grant them the reward thereof. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

Oh God, who in one perfect sacrifice hast united all the various sacrifices of the law, accept from thy devout servants this sacrifice, and sanctify it by the like blessings as thou didst the offering of Abel: that what each hast offered to thy divine Majesty may avail to the salvation of all. And may these sacred mysteries, by diminishing in us the love of the things of this world, increase in us the love of such as are eternal; so that the prayers of thy church, which are pleasing to thee, may become more so, by the purity of our minds. Through Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. R. Amen.

P. World without end. R. Amen.

The Preface.

P. Dominus vobiscum. R. Et cum spi-

P. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy

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ritu tuo. P. Sursum corda. R. Habemus ad Dominum. P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro. R. Dignum et justum est.

spirit. P. Lift up your hearts. R. We have lifted them up to the Lord. P. Let us give thanks to our Lord God. R. It is meet and just.

The PREFACE *on* Festivals *and other Days that have none* proper, *and in* Masses *for the* Dead.
N.B. *This mark* * *refers to the subsequent part of the* proper Prefaces.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus. * Per Christum Dominum nostrum: per quem majestatem tuam laudant angeli, adorant dominationes, tremunt potestates, cœli cœlorumque virtutes, ac beata seraphim, socia exultatione concelebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti jubeas deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes:

IT is truly meet and just, right, and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God. * Thro' Christ our Lord: by whom the angels praise thy Majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it, the heavens, the heavenly virtues, and blessed seraphim, with common jubilee glorify it. Together with whom we beseeeh thee, that we may be admitted to join our humble voices, saying:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, — Dominus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

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Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua. *Hosanna in excelsis.* Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, *Hosanna in excelsis.*

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. *Hosanna in the highest.* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, *Hosanna in the highest.*

On TRINITY-SUNDAY, *and on every other* Sunday *in the Year that has no proper* Preface.

* Qui cum unigenito Filio tuo et Spiritu Sancto unus es Deus, unus es Dominus: non in unius singularitate Personæ, sed in unius Trinitate substantiæ.—Quod enim de tua gloria, revelante te, credimus, hoc de Filio tuo, hoc de Spiritu Sancto, sine differentia discretionis sentimus. Ut in confessione veræ sempiternæque Deitatis, et in Personis proprietas, et in essentia unitas, et in Majestate adoretur æqualitas. Quam laudant angeli atque archangeli, cherubim quoque ac seraphim, qui non cessant, clamare quotidie, una

* Who, together with thy only begotton Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, and one Lord: not in a singularity of one Person, but in a Trinity of one substance. For what we believe of thy glory, as thou hast revealed, the same we believe of thy Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or distinction. So that, in the confession of the true and eternal Deity, we adore a distinction in the Persons, an unity in the essence, and an equality in the Majesty. Whom the angels and archangels, the cherubim also and and seraphim praise,

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voce dicentes, Sanctus, &c.

and cease not daily to cry out with one voice, saying, Holy, &c.

From CHRISTMAS-DAY *till the* Epiphany; *on* Corpus Christi; *and on* our Lord's Transfiguration.

N.B. Prefaces *thus marked* † *are concluded in the same manner as this.*

* Quia per incarnati Verbi mysterium, nova mentis nostræ oculis lux tuæ claritatis inful sit: ut dum visibiliter Deum cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium amorem rapiamur. †Et ideo cum angelis et archangelis, cum thronis et dominationibus, cumque omni militia cœlestis exercitus, hymnum gloriæ tuæ canimus, sine fine dicentes, Sanctus, &c.

* Since by the mystery of the Word made flesh, a new ray of thy glory has appeared to the eyes of our souls: that while we behold God visibly, we may be carried by him to the love of things invisible. † And therefore with the angels and archangels, with the thrones and dominations, and with all the heavenly host, we sing an everlasting hymn to thy glory, saying, Holy, &c.

On the Epiphany *and during its* Octave.

* Quia cum unigenitus tuus in substantia nostræ mortalitatis ap-

* Because when thy only begotten Son appeared in the substance

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paruit, nova nos immortalitatis suæ luce reparavit. † Et ideo, &c.

of our mortal flesh, he repaired us by the new light of his immortality. † And therefore, &c.

In LENT *till* Passion-Sunday.

* Qui corporali jejunio vitia comprimis, mentem elevas, virtutem largiris et præmia. * Per Christum, &c.

* Who by this bodily fast extinguishest our vices, elevatest our understandings, bestowest on us virtue and its reward. * Thro', &c.

On PASSION *and* PALM SUNDAYS, Maundy-Thursday, *and* Feasts *of the* Holy Cross.

* Qui salutem humani generis in ligno Crucis constituisti: ut unde mors oriebatur, inde vita resurgeret: ut qui in ligno vincebat, in ligno quoque vinceretur. * Per Christum, &c.

* Who hast appointed that the salvation of mankind should be wrought on the wood of the cross: that from whence death came, thence life might arise; and that he who overcame by the tree, might also by the tree be overcome. * Thro', &c.

From HOLY SATURDAY *till the* Ascension.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, te quidem, Domine, omni tempore, sed [in hac potissimum nocte vel die, vel] in hoc potissimum glorio-

IT is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, to praise thee, O Lord, at all times, but chiefly on this [night or day, or at this time] when Christ

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sius prædicare, cum Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui abstulit peccata mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriendo destruxit, et vitam resurgendo reparavit. † Et ideo, &c.

our Passover was sacrificed for us. For he is the true Lamb who hath taken away the sins of the world. Who by dying has destroyed our death; and by rising again has restored us to life. † And therefore, &c.

From ASCENSION-DAY *till* Whitsun-Eve.

* Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Qui post resurrectionem suam omnibus discipulis suis manifestus apparuit, et ipsis cernentibus est elevatus in cœlum, ut nos divinitatis suæ tribueret esse participes. † Et ideo, &c.

* Thro' Christ our Lord. Who after his resurrection appeared openly to all his disciples, and in their presence ascended into heaven, to make us partakers of his divine nature. † And therefore, &c.

From WHITSUN-EVE *till* Trinity-Sunday; *and in* Votive Masses *of the* Holy Ghost.

* Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Qui ascendens super omnes cœlos, sedensque ad dexteram tuam, promissum Spiritum sanctum [hodierna die] in filios adoptionis effudit. Qua propter profusis gaudiis totus in orbe terrarum

* Thro' Christ our Lord. Who ascending above all the heavens, and sitting at thy right hand, didst send down the promised Holy Spirit [this day] upon the children of adoption. Wherefore the whole world displays its ex-

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mundus exultat: sed et supernæ virtutes atque angelicæ potestates, hymnum gloriæ tuæ concinunt sine fine dicentes, Sanctus, &c.

cess of joy; the heavenly virtues also, and all the angelic powers, sing in concert an everlasting hymn to thy glory, saying, Holy, &c.

On FESTIVALS *of the* B. V. MARY *(the Purification excepted) on which is said the* Preface of Christmas.

* Et te in N. Beatæ Mariæ semper Virginis collaudare, benedicere, et prædicare. Quæ et unigenitum tuum Sancti Spiritus obumbratione concepit; et Virginitatis gloria permanente, lumen æternum mundo effudit, Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. * Per quem, &c.

* That we should praise, bless, and glorify thee on the N. of the blessed Mary ever a Virgin. Who by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost conceived thy only begotten Son, and the glory of her virginity still remaining, brought forth the eternal light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, &c.

On the FESTIVALS *of the* APOSTLES.

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, te Domine suppliciter exorare, ut gregem tuum Pastor æterne non deseras, sed per beatos apostolos tuos continua protectione custodias. Ut iisdem

IT is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, humbly to beseech thee that thou, O Lord, our eternal Shepherd, wouldst not forsake thy flock, but keep it under thy continual protection by

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rectoribus gubernetur, quos operis tui vicarios eidem contulisti præesse pastores. * Et ideo, &c.

thy blessed apostles. That it may be governed by those whom thou hast appointed its vicars and pastors. *And, &c.

THE CANON OF THE MASS.

TE igitur clementissime Pater, per JesumChristum Filium tuum Dominum nostrum, supplices rogamus, ac petimus, uti accepta habeas et benedicas hæc dona, hæc munera, hæc sancta sacrificia illibata, in primis, quæ tibi offerimus pro Ecclesia tua sancta catholica: quam pacificare, custodire, adunare, et regere digneris toto orbe terrarum, una cum famulo tuo Papa nostro N. et Antistite nostro N. et Rege nostro N. et omnibus Orthodoxis, atque Catholicæ et Apostolicæ Fidei Cultoribus.

WE humbly pray and beseech thee, therefore, most merciful Father, thro' Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these Gifts, these Presents, these holy unspotted Sacrifices, which in the first place we offer thee for thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace; as also to preserve, unite, and govern it thoughout the world, together with thy servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, and N. our King, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING.

Memento, Domine,

Be mindful, O Lord

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famulorum famularumque tuarum N. et. N.

of thy servants, men and women, N. and N.

He prays silently for those he intends to pray for.

Et omnium circumstantium, quorum tibi fides cognita est, et nota devotio, pro quibus tibi offerimus, vel qui tibi offerunt hoc sacrificium laudis, pro se, suisque omnibus: pro redemptione animarum suarum, pro spe salutis, et incolumitatis suæ: tibique reddunt vota sua æterno Deo, vivo et vero.

And of all here present, whose faith and devotion is known unto thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves, their families and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the help and salvation they hope for, and for which they now pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

COMMUNICANTES, et memoriam venerantes, imprimis gloriosæ semper Virginis Mariæ, Genitricis Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et beatorum Apostolorum ac Martyrum tuorum, Petri et Pauli, Andreæ, Jacobi, Joannis, Thomæ, Jacobi, Philippi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simonis et Thadiæ, Lini, Cleti,

COMMUNICATING with, and honouring in the first place, the memory of the ever glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Tha-

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Clementis, Xysti, Cornelii, Cypriani, Laurentii, Chrysogoni, Joannis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiani, et omnium Sanctorum tuorum; quorum meritis precibusque concedas, ut in omnibus protectionis tuæ muniamur auxilio. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

deus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers, grant that we may be always defended by the help of thy protection. Thro' the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Spreading his Hands over the Oblation, he says,

HANC IGITUR oblationem servitutis nostræ, sed et cunctæ familiæ tuæ, quæsumus Domine, ut placatus accipias; diesque nostros in tua pace disponas, atque ab æterna damnatione nos eripi, et in electorum tuorum jubeas grege numerari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

WE THEREFORE beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our servitude, as also of thy whole family; dispose our days in thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation, and rank us in the number of thine Elect. Thro' Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Quam oblationem tu Deus in omnibus, quæsumus, benedictam, adscriptam, ratam, rationabilem, acceptabilemque facere digneris: ut

Which oblation do thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects to bless, approve, ratify, and accept; that it may be made for us the Body

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nobis Corpus et Sanguis fiat dilectissimi Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi.*

and Blood of thy most beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

During the ELEVATION *and* CONSECRATION, *some of the following aspirations may assist* :—

Dear Lord, our Saviour, come! oh, come
And bless thy suppliant's lowly doom.
Come thou! But oh, prepare my breast
Unworthy else of such a guest:
Unworthy e'en to see thee lie,
Cloathed in tremendous mystery,
On this, thine altar: oh, prepare
My heart each promis'd grace to share.

And let me bless this kind disguise,
This veil for our infirmities,
Which hides thy glory, all too great
For man in this his fallen state,

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* Qui pridie quam pateretur, accepit panem in sanctas ac venerabiles manus suas, et elevatis oculis in cœlum, ad te Deum Patrem suum omnipotentem: tibi gratias agens, benedixit, fregit, deditque discipulis suis, dicens: Accipite et manducate ex hoc omnes, HOC EST ENIM CORPUS MEUM.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with his eyes lifted up towards heaven, giving thanks to thee, Almighty God, his Father: he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

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But lets us claim the promise due
To faith—confiding, firm and true.
I do believe, dear Lord! but thou,
Do thou still firmer faith bestow.
Thee still my Saviour I confess;
Teach me to pray, to love, to bless!

And grant me, Lord, my daily bread;

After pronouncing the Words *of consecration, the Priest kneeling* adores *and elevates the sacred Host.*

Simili modo postquam cœnatum est, accipiens et hunc præclarum calicem in sanctas ac venerabiles manus suas, item tibi gratias agens benedixit, deditque discipulis suis, dicens: ACCIPITE ET BIBITE EX EO OMNES, HIC EST ENIM CALIX SANGUINIS MEI NOVI ET ÆTERNI TESTAMENTI: MYSTERIUM FIDEI: QUI PRO VOBIS ET PRO MULTIS EFFUNDETUR IN REMISSIONEM PECCATORUM.

Hæc quotiescunque feceritis, in mei memoriam facietis.

In like manner, after he had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into his holy and venerable hands, giving thee also thanks, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying: TAKE AND DRINK YE ALL OF THIS, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

As often as you do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

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And grant me every worldly need:
My every worldly wish fulfil
So that it bring no future ill:
But never, never grant a prayer
If it my chance of heaven impair.
Rather be pain and sorrow given
Than boons which may debar from heaven:
Toil be my lot—toil, pain, distress—
Rather than boons thou canst not bless.

Forgive, dear Lord! this selfish prayer,
Still bent on self when Thou art there!
When thou art there in grace and love,
Whose praise alone my heart should move.
I praise thee, Lord!—thee still adore!
Teach me to praise thee more and more.
Teach me to love thee. Let the fire
Of love my ev'ry thought inspire;
Illume and purify my soul
And every wayward thought controul.
May love, devotion rule my breast;
To thee, be every thought addrest;
To thee, may every impulse tend;
All things begin in thee and end.
May piety increase, and tears
For all the faults of vanish'd years.
Forgive the past! And may thy grace,
Thy merits every sin efface.
Forgive the past! And save me thou
From every future sin and woe.
Thee I invoke. In thy great name
My fervent prayers to heaven I frame:
By thee, those prayers will rise on high.

Almighty Father! bend thine eye
On thy eternal Son: to Thee,

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I offer what thou gav'st for me.
By Him I pray thee: Him I bring:
Behold, great God! my offering:
By Him, through Him, thy servant hear,
And grant—oh, thou *must* grant my prayer.

Here also kneeling, he adores *and elevates the chalice.*

Unde et memores, Domine, nos servi tui, sed et plebs tua sancta, ejusdem Christi Filii tui Domini nostri tam beatæ passionis, necnon et ab inferis Resurrectionis, sed et in Cœlos gloriosæ ascensionis: offerimus præclaræ Majestati tuæ, de tuis donis ac datis, Hostiam puram, Hostiam sanctam, Hostiam immaculatam, panem sanctum vitæ æternæ et Calicem salutis perpetuæ.

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, as also thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, his resurrection from the dead and admirable ascension into heaven, offer unto thy most excellent Majesty, of thy gifts bestowed upon us, a pure Host, a holy Host, an unspotted Host, the holy bread of eternal life, and chalice of eternal salvation.

Supra quæ propitio ac sereno vultu respicere digneris, et accepta habere sicuti accepta habere dignatus es munera pueri tui justi Abel, et sacrificium Patriarchæ nostri Abrahæ, et quod tibi obtulit

Upon which vouchsafe to look, with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as thou wert graciously pleased to accept the gifts of thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Pa-

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summus sacerdos tuus Melchisedech, sanctum Sacrificium, immaculatam Hostiam.

triarch Abraham, and that which thy High-priest Melchisedech offered to thee, a holy Sacrifice, and unspotted Victim.

Supplices te rogamus, omnipotens Deus, jube hæc perferri per manus sancti angeli tui in sublime altare tuum, in conspectu divinæ Majestatis tuæ, ut quotquot ex hac altaris participatione, sacrosanctum Filii tui corpus et sanguinem sumpserimus, omni benedictione cœlesti et gratia repleamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

We most humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these things to be carried by the hands of thy holy angels to thy altar on high, in the sight of thy divine Majesty, that as many as shall partake of the most sacred body and blood of thy Son at this altar, may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing. Thro' the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

Memento etiam, Domine, famulorum famularumque tuarum N. et N. qui nos præcesserunt cum signo Fidei, et dormiunt in somno pacis.

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants N. and N. who are gone before us, with the sign of Faith, and rest in the sleep of peace.

Here particular mention is silently made of suc of the Dead as are to be prayed for.

Ipsis, Domine, et

To these, O Lord,

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omnibus in Christo quiescentibus locum refrigerii, lucis et pacis, ut indulgeas, deprecamur: per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

and to all that sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: thro' the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here, striking his breast, the Priest says,

Nobis quoque peccatoribus famulis tuis de multitudine miserationum tuarum sperantibus partem aliquam et societatem donare digneris, cum tuis sanctis apostolis et martyribus; cum Joanne, Stephano, Matthia, Barnaba, Ignatio, Alexandro, Marcellino, Petro, Felicitate, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia, Agnete, Cæcilia, Anastasia, et omnibus sanctis tuis: intra quorum nos consortium, non estimator meriti, sed veniæ, quæsumus largitor admitte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

And to us sinners, thy servants, confiding in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy apostles and martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcelline, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: into whose company we beseech thee to admit us, not in consideration of our merits, but of thy own gratuitous pardon. Thro' Christ our Lord.

Per quem hæc omnia, Domine, semper bona creas, sanctificas, vivificas, benedicis, et

By whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all

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præstas nobis. Per ipsum, et cum ipso, et in ipso, est tibi Deo Patri omnipotenti, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, omnis honor et gloria.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.
R. Amen.

these good things. By him, and with him, and in him, is to thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory.

P. For ever and ever. R. Amen.

Oremus.

PRÆCEPTIS salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:

Pater noster, qui es in cœlis; sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum: fiat voluntas tua sicut in cœlo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem. R. Sed libera nos a malo.

P. Amen.

Libera nos quæsumus Domine, ab omnibus malis, præteritis,

Let us pray.

BEING instructed by thy saving precepts, and following thy divine directions, we presume to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil. P. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, pre-

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præsentibus et futuris : et intercedente beata et gloriosa semper Virgine Dei Genitrice Maria, cum beatis apostolis tuis Petro et Paulo, atque Andrea, et omnibus sanctis, da propitius pacem in diebus nostris : ut ope misericordiæ tuæ adjuti, et a peccato simus semper liberi, et ab omni perturbatione securi. Per eundem Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus,	sent, and to come : and by the intercession of the blessed and ever glorious Virgin Mary Mother of God, and of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew, and of all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days : that thro' the assistance of thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance. Thro' the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, God,
P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. R. Amen.	P. World without end. R. Amen.
P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.	P. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.

Breaking the Host, he puts a particle thereof into the Chalice, saying, "May this mixture, and consecration of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to us that receive it effectual to eternal life. Amen."

Then bowing, and striking his breast, he says,

Agnus Dei, qui tollis	Lamb of God, who

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peccata mundi,
* miserere nobis,
* miserere nobis,
* dona nobis pacem.

takest away the sins of the world, * have mercy upon us, * have mercy upon us, * give us peace.

In Masses for the DEAD, *he says twice,* "Give them rest," *and lastly,* * "Give them eternal rest." *Then also the first of the following prayers is omitted.*

Domine Jesu Christe, qui dixisti apostolis tuis, pacem relinquo vobis, pacem meam do vobis, ne respicias peccata mea, sed fidem Ecclesiæ tuæ; eamque secundum voluntatem tuam pacificare et coadunare digneris: qui vivis et regnas Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thy apostles, I leave you peace, I give you my peace, regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will: who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Domine Jesu Christe, Fili Dei vivi, qui ex voluntate Patris, cooperante Spiritu Sancto, per mortem tuam mundum vivificasti: libera me per hoc sacrosanctum corpus et sanguinem tuum ab omnibus iniquitatibus meis, et universis malis: et

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of thy Father, hast by thy death, thro' the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, given life to the world: deliver me by this thy most sacred body and blood from all my iniquities,

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fac me tuis, semper inhærere mandatis, et a te nunquam separari permittas: qui cum eodem Deo Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivis et regnas Deus in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

and from all evils; and make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee: who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of, &c. Amen.

Perceptio corporis tui, Domine Jesu Christe, quod ego indignus sumere præsumo, non mihi proveniat in judicium et condemnationem; sed pro tua pietate prosit mihi ad tutamentum mentis et corporis, et ad medelam preeipiendam. Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, tho' unworthy, presume spiritually to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but thro' thy mercy, may it be a safeguard and remedy both of soul and body. Who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

Taking the Host in his hands, he says,

Panem cœlestem accipiam, et nomen Domini invocabo.

I will take the bread of heaven in spirit, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Striking his breast in Humility and Devotion, he says thrice,

Domine non sum dignus ut intres sub

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst

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tectum meum; sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

While the Priest receives, recite this*

LITANY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

**Receiving reverently both parts of the Host, he says,*

Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam meam in vitam æternam. Amen.

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

Taking the Chalice, he says,

Quid retribuam Domino pro omnibus quæ retribuit mihi? Calicem salutaris accipiam, et nomen Domini invocabo. Laudans invocabo Dominum, et ab inimicis meis salvus ero.

What return shall I make the Lord for all he has given to me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and shall be saved from my enemies.

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God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity one God, have mercy on us.
Living bread which came down from heaven, have mercy on us.
Hidden God and Saviour, have mercy on us.
Bread of the elect, have mercy on us.
Perpetual sacrifice, have mercy on us.
Clean offering, have mercy on us.
Lamb without spot, have mercy on us.
Most pure food, have mercy on us.
Food of Angels, have mercy on us.
Hidden manna, have mercy on us.
Memorial of the wonders of God, have mercy on us.
Most strengthening bread, have mercy on us.
Word made flesh, have mercy on us.
Thou who comest to dwell in us, have mercy on us.
Holy host, have mercy on us.
Chalice of Salvation, have mercy on us.

Receiving the Blood of our Saviour, he says,

Sanguis Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam meam in vitam æternam. Amen.	The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

Taking the first Ablution, he says,

Quod ore sumpsimus, Domine, pura mente capiamus: et de munere temporali, fiat nobis remedium sempiternum.	Grant, Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind: that of a temporal gift it may become to us an eternal remedy.

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Mystery of Faith, have mercy on us.

Most tremendous and venerable sacrament, have mercy on us.

Most holy of sacrifices, have mercy on us.

True propitiation for the living and the dead, have mercy on us.

Heavenly antidote preserving us from sin, have mercy on us.

Most stupendous of all miracles, have mercy on us.

Blessed commemoration of the Lord's passion, have mercy on us.

Most excellent and undeserved gift, have mercy on us.

Great memorial of divine love, have mercy on us.

Fulness of heavenly favours, have mercy on us.

Most holy and august mystery, have mercy on us.

Food of immortality, have mercy on us.

Taking the second Ablution, he says,

Corpus tuum Domine, quod sumpsi, et sanguis quem potavi, adhæreat visceribus meis: et præsta, ut in me non remaneat scelerum macula quem pura et sancta refecerunt sacramenta. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

May thy body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy blood which I have drank, cleave to my bowels: and grant, that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been fed with this pure and holy sacrament. Who livest, &c. Amen.

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Tremendous and life-giving sacrament, have mercy on us.

Bread made flesh, by the omnipotence of the Word, have mercy on us.

Unbloody sacrifice, have mercy on us.

Food and guest, have mercy on us.

Holy feast at which angels minister, have mercy on us.

Sacrament of love, have mercy on us.

Bond of charity, have mercy on us.

Offering and oblation, have mercy on us.

Fountain of spiritual sweetness, have mercy on us.

Strength of souls, have mercy on us.

Viaticum of those who die in the Lord, have mercy on us.

Pledge of future glory, have mercy on us.

Be merciful unto us, spare us, oh Lord.

Be merciful unto us, graciously hear us, oh Lord.

From an unworthy reception of thy body and blood, deliver us, oh Lord.

From the concupiscence of the flesh, deliver us, oh Lord.

From the concupiscence of the eyes, deliver us, oh Lord.

From the pride of life, deliver us, oh Lord.

From all occasion of sin, deliver us, oh Lord.

From presuming to measure thy infinite power by the suggestions of our weak and narrow understandings; deliver us, oh Lord.

From preferring the rash testimony of our senses to the positive declarations of thy all-powerful word; deliver us, oh Lord.

By that desire with which thou didst desire to

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eat this Pasche with thy disciples; deliver us, oh Lord.

By that humility with which thou didst wash thy disciples feet; deliver us, oh Lord.

By that love with which thou didst institute this sacrament; deliver us, oh Lord.

By thy precious blood which thou hast left to us on the altar; deliver us, oh Lord.

By the five wounds which this thy holy body did receive for us; deliver us, oh Lord.

Sinners that we are, we beseech thee hear us.

That thou wouldst preserve and increase our faith, reverence and devotion towards this adorable sacrament; we beseech thee hear us.

That by a true confession of our sins, thou wouldst deign to bring us to the frequent use of the Eucharist; we beseech thee hear us.

That thou wouldst deign to free us from all heresy, perfidy, and blindness of heart; we beseech thee hear us.

That thou wouldst deign to impart to us the precious and heavenly fruits of this holy sacrament; we beseech thee hear us.

That as often as we are present at the sacrifice of the mass we may piously shew forth the sufferings and death of the Lord; we beseech thee hear us.

That at the hour of our death thou wouldst deign to comfort and strengthen us by this heavenly viaticum; we beseech thee hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; spare us, oh Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; hear us, oh Lord.

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Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

V. Oh Lord hear my prayer. R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Oh God who, in this wonderful sacrament, hast left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion, grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may always feel the effects of them in our souls. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

While, turning to the Book, he reads the COMMUNIONS:

PS. LXXXIII.—The sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtle dove a nest where she may lay her young ones: in like manner, oh Lord of Hosts, my King and my God, let my abode be near thy altar: blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they shall praise thee for ever and ever.

P. COMM. *Purificent.* May the mysteries we have witnessed purify us, we beseech thee, oh almighty and merciful God: and grant, by the intercession of thy saints, that this sacrameut may not increase our guilt to punishment, but be a means of obtaining pardon in order to salvation: may it wash away sin, strengthen our frailty, secure us against the dangers of the world, and procure forgiveness for all the faithful both living and dead. Through Jesus Christ

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our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

* II. POSTCOM. *(Mundet.)*—May the oblation of this divine sacrament, we beseech thee, O Lord, both cleanse and defend us: and by the intercession of the blessed Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed N. and of all the saints, free us from all sin, and deliver us from all adversity.

After the Postcommunion is added the Prayer,

(Et famulos.)

DEFEND also, O Lord, from all adversity, thy servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, N. our King, N. our Queen, and the royal issue, together with the people and army committed to his care: grant peace in our days, and banish all wickedness from thy church: thro', &c.

Dominus vobiscum.	The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.
Ite missa est, (vel) Benedicamus Domino.	Go, you are dismissed, (or) let us bless the Lord.
R. Deo gratias.	R. Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead.

P. Requiescant in pace. R. Amen.	P. May they rest in peace. R. Amen.

Bowing before the Altar, the Priest says,

Placeat tibi, sancta Trinitas, obsequium	Let the performance of my homage be pleas-

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servitutis meæ: et præsta, ut sacrificium quod oculis tuæ Majestatis, indignus obtuli, tibi sit acceptabile, mihique et omnibus pro quibus illud obtuli, sit te miserante, propitiabile. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

ing to thee, O holy Trinity: and grant that the sacrifice which I, tho' unworthy, have joined in offering up in the sight of thy majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and thro' thy mercy be a propitiation for me, and all those for whom it has been offered. Thro'.

Turning himself towards the People he gives them his Blessing, saying,

May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless you. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum. R. Et cum spiritu tuo. P. Initium sancti Evangelii secundum Joannem. R. Gloria tibi Domine.

IN principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum: et Deus erat Verbum; hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt, et sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum est: in ipso vita erat, et vita

P. Our Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit. P. The beginning of the Gospel according to St. John. R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and God was the Word: the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made: in him

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erat lux hominum: et lux in tenebris lucet, et tenebræ eam non comprehenderunt.

was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes. Hic venit in testimonium, ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, ut omnes crederent per illum. Non erat ille lux; sed ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine. Erat lux vera quæ illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to give testimony of the light. He was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria venit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum, dedit eis potestatem filios Dei fieri; his qui credunt in nomine ejus, qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri; sed

He was in the world, and the world was made by him; and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God; to those that believe in his name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh,

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ex Deo nati sunt; ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST, et habitavit in nobis; et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre plenum gratiæ et veritatis.

R. Deo gratias.

nor of the will of man, but of God: AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, as it were the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

After solemn Mass, the following VERSICLES and RESPONSES are sung for the Queen.

V. Domine salvum fac Reginam nostram Victoriam.
R. Et exaudi nos in die qua invocaverimus te,
V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
R. Sicut erat in principio, &c.

The Prayer. (Quœaumus.)

WE beseech thee, O Almighty God, that thy servant, Victoria, our Queen, who thro' thy mercy hath undertaken the government of these realms, may also receive an increase of all virtues, wherewith being adorned, she may avoid every enormity of sin, [*vanquish her enemies,**] and being rendered acceptable in thy sight, may come at length to thee, who art the way, the truth, and the life. Thro'

* The words in Italics are said in time of war only.

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Whilst the Priest *(before the* Benediction) *is taking the* B. Sacrament *out of the* Tabernacle, *the following* Hymn *is generally sung:*

O Salutaris Hostia!
Quæ cœli pandis ostium:
Bella præmunt hostilia:
Da rober, fer auxilium.

2. Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.

OH saving host! that didst unbar
Heaven's gate to mortal suffering,
The tempter strives thy grace to mar—
Do thou give strength —assistance bring

2. To God eternal, three in one,
May everlasting praises flow:
And endless life besides his throne
May he in heaven, our home, bestow.

At the Benediction.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum,
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:

Mighty Sacrament! adore it—
Praise it all, on bended knee!
Ancient rites give way before it;
Worlds in this new faith agree:

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Præstet fides supplementum,
Sensuum defectui.

2 Genitori, genitoque,
Laus et jubilatio:

Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
Sit et benedictio;

Procedenti ab utroque,
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

V. Panem de cœlo, præstitisti eis. *Alleluia*

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. *Alleluia.*

What though human sense deplore it?
Faith will solve the mystery!

2. Praise be to the Father given—
Praise—but praise him not alone:

Greeting, honour, tri umph, even
Thanks and blessings to the Son;

To whom proceeds from both in heaven
Be an equal homage done. Amen.

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven. *Alleluia.*

R. Replenished with whatever is delicious. *Alleluia.**

The Prayer.

DEUS pui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tui memoriam reliquisti: tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui, sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum

O GOD, who in this wonderful sacrament, hath left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion, grant us, we beseech the, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, as in our

* Alleluja is Hebrew, and means *Praise ye the Lord.*

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in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui.	souls to be always sensible of the redemption thou hast purchased for us. Who.

One of the following hymns is generally introduced during Mass or at Benediction, between the SALUTARIS HOSTIA *and the* TANTUM ERGO.

THE HYMN GLORIA, LAUS FOR PALM SUNDAY.

1.

Glory and honour still we pay
To thee, oh Christ, to whom the lay
Of Israel's children rose to day.*

2.

Hosannah,† King of Israel thou!
To David's Son, who cometh now
In the Lord's name, hosannahs flow.

3.

The Hebrews met thee, and they bore
Branches and palms thy steps before:—
With prayers and hymns we now adore.

4.

Their songs did but thy death proclaim.
Thou reignest now. We bless thy name
And songs of love our hearts inflame.

5.

They pleas'd thee. Great and gracious King
Deign now accept the praise we bring
Who lovest every perfect thing.

* This is repeated between each verse.

† A solemn Jewish acclamation, meaning "Save, we beseech thee."

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The Hymn "Lauda Sion," for Corpus Christi.

1.

Praise, oh Sion, praise thy pastor,
Praise thy Saviour, Leader, Master,
  Praise with canticle and hymn.
Tell thy love in strongest phrases.
Greater he than all thy praises,
  They can never equal him.

2.

A Special theme for thy endeavour!—
The bread that giveth life for ever—
  Is to-day proposed to thee.
That holy bread at supper given
To Judas and the true eleven,
  Now bespeaks thy melody.

3.

Be thy praises full, sonorous,
Be they, joyous, glad, decorous,
  Speaking all thy minds delight.
This, indeed, a day appalling,
This the festival recalling—
  The foundation of our rite.

4.

At the feast of God's anointed
Was this holy Pasche appointed
  To supplant the ancient law.
Novelty the age surprises;
Beaming truth 'mid darkness rises;
  From the dawn must night withdraw.

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5.

That which Christ then did at table
Us to do did he enable,
  In remembrance of the Lord.
Taught by him, his words obeying,
Still we consecrate—displaying
  Bread and wine :— a host ador'd.

6.

This the awful dogma given :—
Bread becomes the flesh of heaven,
  And the wine becomes his blood.
What frail reason cannot master
Faith should cling unto the faster
  Though it be not understood.

7.

Under different signs appearing—
Signs the humblest aspect wearing—
  See the choisest gifts divine.
We eat his flesh : we drink believing
His pure blood :—the while receiving
  Christ entire 'neath either sign.

8.

Who receives this heavenly token
Has it all uncut, unbroken,
  Still entire to cheer his soul.
Though one or one thousand takes it,
This as much as that partakes it,
  Unconsumed, complete, and whole.

9.

To good or bad alike 'tis given ;
But with fortune most uneven,
  Death or life from thence ensues.

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The bad take death, the good a blessing.
See what difference wide, distressing
From a like reception flows.

10.

Were it sever'd, broke, or parted,
Doubt not; take it even-hearted;
By a fragment is imparted
All the sacrament supplies.
Christ himself is whole as ever.
'Tis the sign alone you sever,
Whence the latent virtue never
Knoweth change of state or size.

11.

See the bread of angels lying
On our altars—still supplying
Food to pilgrims worn and dying;
Food for sons—for dogs unmeet.
Holy writings erst enroll'd it.
In Isaac's sacrifice behold it,
The Jewish paschal lamb foretold it,
And the desert manna sweet.

12.

Oh, good Shepherd! hear us crying.
Help us, Lord, on thee relying!
Feed us thou, each want supplying
And, when comes the hour of dying,
Lead us to the life of love.
Thou who knowest all: the giver
Of such food to mortals;—never
From thy grace thy creatures sever
Co-heirs with thy saints for ever
May we be thy guests above!

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VERSICLE AND HYMN *Crux Fidelis* FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

Versicle.

Faithful Cross! of all our forests
  Tree most noble and most fair!
On no other plant that groweth
  Leaves and bloom like thine appear:
Sweetest nails and sweetest timber,
  Such a cherish'd weight to bear.*

Hymn.

1.

Sing, my tongue! the glorious combat
  Which for thee this day was fought;
Sing the cross, the bleeding trophy
  Of the triumph nobly wrought:
And how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
  With his blood thy freedom bought.

2.

The world's Maker, on beholding
  Our first parent's cruel fall,
Who, the noxious apple eating,
  Introduc'd sad death to all—
Then decreed to free by timber
  Those the timber did enthrall.

3.

Then the plan of our redemption
  Was decreed in ev'ry part:
Then it was that God determin'd
  Art should quell the serpent's art:
And that, whence the sin had risen,
  Balm should saving grace impart.

* This versicle is repeated between each verse of the Hymn.

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4.

When at length the holy fullness
  Of the promis'd time was come,
From the throne of God in heaven,
  To reverse man's bitter doom,
Christ the Son, the world's creator,
  Was made flesh in Mary's womb.

5.

Hark! the tender infant crying
  While within the manger there!
See his limbs are swathed in linen
  By his Virgin Mother's care:
See his legs, his feet, his ancles
  Many an infant bandage wear!

6.

Scarce six lustres are completed
  'Ere this saving child we see,
Who alone on earth descended
  Man's pure sacrifice to be,
Like a lamb, led forth to slaughter
  On the altar of the tree.

7.

Then the reed, the salt, the bitter
  Vinegar 'twas his to brave;
And the nails, the scoffs, the cruel
  Lance which that fell puncture gave,
Whence the blood and water issued
  All the earth, sea, stars to lave.

8.

Haughty tree! bend, bend thy branches
  Softly smoothe thy rugged veins,
And incline that knarled stiffness
  Which from youth thy trunk retains.—

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Softly bow to ease his torture—
To assuage thy Maker's pains!

9.

All our hope on thee was freighted:
Thine our safety to restore,
Thou the boat prepared to carry
Shipwrecked nations safe to shore,
Save us thou dear boat! besprinkled
With the Lamb's redeeming gore.

10.

To God eternal praise and glory,
Highest honour—highest fame.
To his Son, our dear Redeemer,
And the Paraclete the same.
Love and power and thanksgiving
Still attend God's holy name.

The Prose for EASTER SUNDAY and Easter week.

Victimæ Paschalis.

The Paschal Victim calls for praise; the Christian song obeys.
The Lamb redeems the flock: Christ, whom no sin defiles,
To his great Father thus the sinner reconciles.
Death and life in contest strange have met:
The leader slain of life yet liveth, reigneth yet.
To us Mary say
What sawest thou by the way?
Angels bearing witness: both the napkin and the cloth.
Christ my hope is risen: he will meet you all in Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead, we know.
Victorious king! to us thy mercy show.

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Adeste Fideles, for Christmas.

1.

Oh hasten, ye faithful, joy and triumph vying,
  Oh speed ye to Bethlem to honour the Word!
See there the king of angels lowly lying!
Oh, come and kneel before him;
Oh, speed we to adore him;
  Oh, let us hasten to honour the Lord.

2.

True God of true God, Light of Light in heaven
  Born of a Virgin, 'tis Jesus ador'd!
True God eternal, for us truly given.
Oh, come and kneel before him!
Oh, speed we to adore him!
  Oh, let us hasten to honour the Lord.

3.

Now sing all ye angels, till echoes resounding
  Swell through your courts; and for ever be heard
Glory to God through all heaven resounding.
Oh, come and kneel before him!
Oh, speed we to adore him!
Oh let us hasten to honour the Lord!

4.

All praise to the Word who has this day descended,
  Glory to thee, blessed Jesus ador'd!
Thou in whose nature God and man is blended:—
Oh, come and kneel before him!
Oh, speed we to adore him!
  Oh, let us hasten to honour the Lord!

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The Stabat Mater.

1.

Tearful stood the mother lowly
Near the cross on which her holy
Son was nail'd, her Son ador'd.

2.

Her soul the while, with anguish heaving—
Sad—with direst sorrow grieving—
Felt the promis'd, piercing sword.

3.

Oh, how woeful her dejection!
All the mother's blest affection
There bewail'd its only one:

4.

Trembling wail'd and sorrow'd o'er him:
View'd each torturing nail that tore him—
Her renown'd, her duteous Son.

5.

Lives there one who tears could smother
Did he see Christ's blessed mother
In this anguish great and wild?

6.

Lives there one—'tis past believing—
Who could see unmov'd the grieving
Of this mother and her child?

7.

He would save his guilty nation:—
Now she sees what desolation,
Torments, stripes his care repay:—

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8.

Sees her Jesus, love-inspiring,
Scorn'd, deserted, and expiring,
Gently breathe his soul away.

9.

Hail! kind mother, source of feeling!
Make me feel like sorrow stealing
O'er me: make me grieve with thee.

10.

Set my heart on fire—returning
All Christ's pains with love:—a burning
Love that may accepted be.

11.

Mother blest! do not gainsay me;
Stamp my stony heart, I pray thee,
With th' impression of the cross.

12.

Source of grief from thee I borrow;
Let me also feel thy sorrow,
Mourn with thee thy bitter loss.

13.

Make me weep with thee for ever:
From the cross may nothing sever
Me so long as ere I live.

14.

Let me linger with thee near it;
Joining with thee to revere it
Still with tears—which thou wilt give.

15.

Virgin, of all virgins brightest!
Aid me thou who thus unitest
Hearts in grief—thy grief be mine.

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16.

Join me in my Saviour's anguish:
O'er his passion let me languish,
Worship every wound divine.

17.

From no wound or torture shrinking,
All his bitter chalice drinking,
Let me thus my love declare.

18.

Till, by love inflamed, amended
Be my soul by thee defended,
Sav'd in judgment by thy care.

19.

Let the cross my failings cover;
Jesus' passion shield me over,
Giving safety from above.

20.

From my corse when life is riven,
Grant that to my soul be given
Heaven's glory, joy, and love.

V. A sword has pierced thine own soul.

R. That the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Oh God, in whose passion, according to Simeon's prophecy, the sword of sorrow pierced the most devout soul of glorious Mary, thy Virgin Mother; mercifully grant that we who with honour commemorate her sorrows and sufferings, may, by the glorious merits and prayers of all the Saints who stood faithfully by thy cross, obtain the happy effect of thy passion. Who, with God the Father, &c.

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THE DIES IRÆ; SAID IN MASSES FOR THE DEAD.

1.

Day of anger—fearful morning !
All shall be dissolved and burning !
David—Sibyls erst gave warning !

2.

Oh ! what terror then heart-rending,
When the Judge is seen descending—
To every thought, word, deed attending !

3.

Hark ! the wondrous trumpet swelling
Through death's lone sepulchral dwelling,
All before the throne compelling !

4.

Death and nature mutely wonder,
Seeing all obey the thunder
And crouch the seat of judgment under.

5.

Then wide opes that volume's cover :—
Every page is written over :
Hence must all their doom discover.

6.

The Lord, his seat of judgment gaining,
Reads—each hidden thing explaining,
Nothing unavenged remaining.

7.

How, guilty wretch ! shall I then bear me ?
Who the patron then will hear me,
When e'en the just will tremble near me

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8.

King tremendous, God of heaven,
Who savest where thy grace is given,
Fount of grace, may I be shriven!

9.

Let not then thy pity fail me;
May thy sufferings then avail me:
In that day, in mercy hail me.

10.

For my sake, what pains came o'er thee!
'Twas for me the cross upbore thee:
By those torments I implore thee.

11.

Oh, just Judge of retribution!
Grant, oh grant me absolution
E'er that day of wild confusion.

12.

All my sins I now weep over;
Shame and grief my features cover;
Spare, oh Lord, thy suppliant lover.

13.

Thou didst pardon Mary sighing
And the thief beside thee dying:
Thence I hope—on thee relying.

14.

Prayers like mine could ransom never.
Be't thy mercy's kind endeavour,
Lest I burn in flames for ever.

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15.

Mid thy chosen sheep, oh place me.
With the goats, do not disgrace me.
At thy right, in glory raise me.

16.

When the cursed far are driven
And to endless torments given,
Call me wlth the blest in heaven.

17.

Lowly, suppliant, I adore thee;
Humbly bowing down before thee:
Shield me then, Lord I implore thee.

18.

Sad day! when guilty man shall tear him
From the tomb and swift prepare him
'Fore the judgment seat to bear him.
Then, dear Lord, in mercy spare him!

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A PRAYER BEFORE THE SERMON.

O Incomprehensible Creator, the true fountain of light and only author of knowledge, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to enlighten our understandings and to remove from us all darkness of sin and ignorance. Thou who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, direct our tongues and pour on our lips the grace of thy blessing. Give us a diligent and obedient spirit, quickness of apprehension, capacity of retaining, and the powerful assistance of thy holy grace; that what we hear we may apply to thy honour and the eternal salvation of our own souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRAYERS SOMETIMES SAID AFTER MASS.

Raise up your hearts on high.
We have raised them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is meet and just.

It is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we should, always and in all places, give thanks to thee oh holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

THE HYMN TE DEUM.

We praise thee God; we own thee as our Lord,
Eternal Father, by all earth ador'd.
To thee, the angels, heavens, and powers on high,
Cherubs and seraphs sing unceasingly

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Holy! holy! holy! God of might!
All heaven and earth beam thy majestic light!
Thy praise the apostles glorious choirs,
The many prophets sainted fires,
The white-rob'd, martyr'd host inspires.
Thy holy church, from earth to sky,
Hymns thy paternal majesty.
Thy venerable only Son
And Holy Spirit—Three in One.
Great king of glory, Christ, art thou!
To thee, the Eternal Son, we bow.
Thou didst not spurn a virgin's womb to save mankind from death,
And conquering the sting of hell, didst open heaven to Faith.
The Father now with thee divides his throne.
Thou art the future judge the world must own.
We pray thee, therefore, aid those souls for whom thy blood has flow'd,
Oh have them number'd with thy Saints in glory's pure abode.
Bless thy inheritance oh Lord, and all thy people save;
And govern them and proudly raise them from a harmless grave.
Each day, oh Lord, thy goodness we adore;
And praise thy name for ever, ever more.
Deign gracious Lord! this night to keep our souls from ill;
Have mercy on us Lord, have mercy on us still.
Let thy mercy beam on us, our souls have hop'd in thee:
In thee, oh Lord, our souls have hop'd—oh, save us lastingly.
V. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost be prais'd.
R. To the one God be endless hymns uprais'd.

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PRAYER.

O GOD, of whose mercies there is no number and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite, we humbly thank thee for the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us; continue thy mercy to us and give us so much of thy temporal blessings as thou knowest will be for our good.—Grant that the fruits of the earth may, by thy holy blessing, increase and multiply; defend them from all storms and tempests and whatever else may be hurtful to them. It is from thy hand only we look for succour, and to thee we have recourse in all our necessities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers to be said after the Te Deum, on Holidays in lieu of the above.

ON THE EPIPHANY.

O GOD, who by the direction of a star didst this day magnifest thy only Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know thee by faith, may come at length to see the glory of thy Majesty. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

ON THE ANNUNCIATION.

O GOD, who wast pleased that the eternal Word, according to the declaration of the angel, should take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary: Give ear to our humble petitions; and grant that we, who believe her to be truly the mother of God, may be helped by her prayers. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

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ON LOW SUNDAY.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who have celebrated the solemnity of Easter, may by the assistance of thy Divine grace ever make the effects thereof manifest in our lives and actions. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

ON ASCENSION-DAY.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who believe that thy only Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to heaven, may also have our hearts always fixed on heavenly things. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

ON TRINITY SUNDAY.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast granted thy servants in the confession of the true faith to acknowledge the glory of an Eternal Trinity, and in the power of Majesty to adore an Unity; we beseech thee that, by the strength of this faith, we may be defended from all adversity. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

ON CORPUS CHRISTI.

O GOD, who, in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion, grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood that in our souls we may be always sensible of the fruit of thy redemption; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

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ON ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL.

O GOD, who hast consecrated this day by the martyrdom of thy glorious apostles, Peter and Paul, grant that thy church may, in all things, follow their direction by whom was laid the foundatiou of her religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, &c.

ON THE ASSUMPTION.

FORGIVE, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of thy people: that we who are not able to do any thing of ourselves that can be pleasing to thee, may be assisted in the way of salvation by the prayers of the mother of thy only Son. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

ON ALL-SAINTS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose favour we honour, in one solemnity, the merits of all thy Saints, grant we may obtain a most plentiful blessing of thy so much desired mercy, since we have so many interceding in our behalf. Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, &c.

In LENT *and* ADVENT *the Miserere is said instead of the Te Deum.*

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

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To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee; that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth; the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God; and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways; and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

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Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblation and whole burnt-offerings: then shall they lay calves upon thy altars.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was, &c.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquities.

A PRAYER FOR LENT.

OH God, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people who make supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins. Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, that having been justly punished for their sins, they may find comfort in thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

PRAYER FOR ADVENT.

RAISE up our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee, to prepare the way of thy only Son; that, by his coming, being reconciled to thee, we may serve thee in holiness all the days of our lives; who livest, &c.

FOR THE DEAD.

FROM the depths I cried out to thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice.

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my petition.

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If thou shalt observe iniquities, O Lord: Lord, who shall endure it.

For with thee is propitiation; and because of thy law I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy: and with him there is plentiful redemption.

And he himself shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.

And may perpetual light shine upon them.

Prayer.

OH God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins; that, by our pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Through, &c.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Then, if any one be lately dead, may be added the following prayer.

GRANT, O God, that while we here lament the departure of thy servant, we may ever remember, that we are most certainly to follow him (or her.) Give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by sudden death, but be ever watching when thou shalt call; that so, with thee, the Spouse, we may enter into eternal glory; Through, &c.

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On an Anniversary Day.

O GOD of mercy and pardon, grant to the soul of thy servant, *N.* whose anniversary we commemorate, the calm of refreshment, the happiness of rest, and the brightness of glory. Through, &c.

FOR THE SICK.

HEAL thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and who put their trust in thee.

A. *Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from thy holy place.*

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the eternal salvation of them that believe in thee, hear us in behalf of thy servants who are sick; for whom we humbly crave the help of thy mercy: that, their health being restored to them, they may render thanks to thee in thy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE SOVEREIGN.

MAY the Lord hear thee in the day of distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

May he send thee help from his sanctuary, and from out of Sion to defend thee.

May he remember all thy sacrifices; and may thy burnt offering be acceptable.

May he give unto thee according to thy heart's good desire, and confirm all thy counsels that are well-pleasing to him.

Then we will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God will we glory.

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May the Lord fulfil all such thy requests; now I know the Lord hath saved his anointed.

He will hear him from his holy heaven: the salvation of his right hand is powerful.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will call on the name of our Lord.

They are fettered and are fallen; but we have risen and are set upright.

O Lord save the Queen; and hear us in the day we call upon thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

O Lord, save Victoria our Queen:—A. *And hear us in the day we call upon thee.*

Prayer

O GOD, by whom kings reign, and the princes of the earth exercise their power; O thou, who art the strength and support of those kingdoms that serve thee; mercifully hear our prayers, and defend thy servant Victoria, our Queen from all dangers; and grant that her safety may conduce to the peace and welfare of thy people. Through, &c.

CONCLUSION.

ACCEPT, O most gracious God, this our service: if by thy grace we have performed any thing according to our duty, in thy clemency regard it, and what we have done with negligence, mercifully pardon. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon us now, and remain with us for ever. Amen.

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THE ANGELICAL SALUTATION,

COMMONLY CALLED THE ANGELUS.

In Catholic countries, the church bells are rung at morn, noon and evening; and on hearing them, most devout persons pause in their occupations and repeat the proper portion for the time of the following prayer to commemorate our Saviour's becoming man for our salvation.

AT MORN: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary: and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. *Hail Mary*, &c.

AT MID-DAY: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; and may it be done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary*, &c.

AT EVENING: And the Word was made flesh; and dwelt among us. *Hail Mary*, &c.

The Prayer.

Pour fourth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son has been made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In paschal time, from Easter Eve till Trinity Sunday, the following Anthem "*Regina Cœli*" is to be said standing, instead of the Angelus.

Hail, heavenly Queen, your joy declare, *Alleluia*.
For he whom you deserved to bear, *Alleluia*.

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Has risen as himself foretold, *Alleluia;*
Pray God, our shepherd, bless his fold. *Alleluia.*
V. Rejoice and be glad, oh Virgin Mary. *Alleluia.*
R. For the Lord is truly risen, *Alleluia.*

Let us Pray.

Oh God who, by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make the world rejoice: grant, we beseech thee, that, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary his Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

Proper to be recited on Fasting-days, and at other penitential times.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences nor those of our parents; and take not revenge on our sins.

Psalm vi. *Domine ne in furore.*

1 *David, in deep affliction, prays for a mitigation of the divine anger,* 4 *in consideration of God's mercy,* 5 *glory,* 6 *his own repentance,* 8 *by faith triumphs over his enemies.*

1 O Lord, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

2 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

3 And my soul is troubled exceedingly: but thou, O Lord, how long.

4 Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me, for thy mercy's sake.

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5 For there is no one in death that is mindful of thee: and who shall confess to thee in hell?

6 I have laboured in my groaning; every night I will wash my bed, I will water my couch with my tears.

7 My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old among all my enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer.

10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and be very much troubled: let them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily. Glory, &c.

Psalm xxxi. *Beati quorum.*

1 *Blessings of remission of sins,* 3 *misery of impenitence,* 6 *confession of sins bringeth ease,* 8 *safety,* 14 *joy.*

1 Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 Because I was silent, my bones grew old; whilst I cried out all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand lay heavy upon me: I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

5 I have acknowledged my sin to thee; and my injustice I have not concealed.

6 I said, I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord; and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

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7 For this shall every one that is holy, pray to thee in a seasonable time.

8 And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

9 Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me; my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

10 I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way in which thou shalt go: I will fix my eyes upon thee.

11 Do not become like the horse and the mule, which have no understanding.

12 With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee.

13 Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

14 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye just, and glory all ye right of heart. Glory, &c.

Psalm xxxvii. *Domine ne in furore.*

1 *David's extreme anguish,* 16 *he hopeth in God,* 18 *his resignation, grief,* 22 *fervent prayer.*

1 Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

2 For thy arrows are fastened in me, and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

3 There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath; there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

4 For my iniquities are gone over my head; and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me.

5 My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

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6 I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with illusions; and there is no health in my flesh.

8 I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me; and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

11 My friends and my neighbours have drawn near, and stood against me.

12 And they that were near me, stood afar off; and they that sought my soul, used violence.

13 And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things; and studied deceits all the day long.

14 But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and was as a dumb man, not opening my mouth.

15 And I became as a man that heareth not; and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

16 For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped; thou wilt hear me, O Lord, my God.

17 For I have said, lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me; and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

18 For I am ready for scourges; and my sorrow is continually before me.

19 For I will declare my iniquity; and I will think of my sin.

20 But my enemies live, and are grown stronger than I; and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

21 They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

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22 Forsake me not, O Lord, my God: do not thou depart from me.

23 Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation. Glory, &c.

Psalm I. *Miserere.*

1 *David prayeth for remission of sins,* 8 *for perfect sanctity;* 17 *God delighteth not in sacrifice, but a contrite heart;* 19 *he prayeth for the Building of a temple in Jerusalem, figuratively the exaltation of the Church.*

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

2 And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquity.

3 Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

4 Because I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

5 To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee, that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

6 For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother conceive me.

7 For behold thou hast loved truth; the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

8 Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter then snow.

9 To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

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10 Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

12 Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

13 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

14 I will teach the unjust thy ways; and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

15 Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

16 O Lord, thou wilt open my lips; and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

17 For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

18 A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou will not despise.

19 Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with *Sion*, that the walls of *Jerusalem* may be built up.

20 Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt offerings; then shall they lay calves upon thy altar. Glory, &c.

Psalm ci. *Domine exaudi.*

1 *The extreme affliction of the psalmist:* 12 *the eternity and mercy of God,* 19 *to be recorded and praised by future generations:* 26 *the unchangeableness of God*

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1 Hear, O Lord, my prayer, and let my prayer come to thee.

2 Turn not away thy face from me; in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me.

3 In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

4 For my days are vanished like smoke; and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire.

5 I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered; because I forgot to eat my bread.

6 Through the voice of my groaning my bone hath cleaved to my skin.

7 I am become like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like a night raven in the house.

8 I have watched, and am become as a sparrow all alone on the house top.

9 All the day long my enemies reproached me, and they that praised me did swear against me.

10 For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

11 Because of thy anger and indignation, for having lifted me up, thou hast thrown me down.

12 My days have declined like a shadow; and I am withered like grass.

13 But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever: and thy memorial to all generations.

14 Thou shalt arise and have mercy on *Sion;* for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

15 For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants, and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

16 And the Gentiles shall fear thy name,

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O Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

17 For the Lord hath built up *Sion;* and he shall be seen in his glory.

18 He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble; and he hath not despised their petition.

19 Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created, shall praise the Lord.

20 Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

21 That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters; that he might release the children of the slain.

22 That they might declare the name of the Lord in *Sion*, and his praise in *Jerusalem*.

23 When the people assemble together and kings to serve the Lord.

24 He answered him in the way of his strength: declare unto me the fewness of my days.

25 Call me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are unto generation and generation.

26 In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hands.

27 They shall perish, but thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

28 And as a vesture thou shalt change them; and they shall be changed: but thou art always the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

29 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be directed for ever. Glory, &c.

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Psalm cxxix. *De profundis.*

An excellent model for sinners, imploring the divine mercy.

1 Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

2 Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

3 If thou wilt observe iniquities, O Lord, Lord, who shall endure it?

4 Because with thee there is propitiation; and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

5 My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

6 From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

7 Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Glory, &c.

Psalm cxlii. *Domine exaudi.*

1 *David prayeth for favour in judgment;* 3 *represents his distress;* 7 *he prayeth for grace,* 9 *for deliverance,* 10 *for sanctification,* 12 *victory over his enemies.*

1 Hear, O Lord, my prayer; give ear to my supplication in thy truth; hear me in thy justice.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant, for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul, he hath brought down my life to the earth.

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4 He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old; and my spirit is in anguish within me; my heart within me is troubled.

5 I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all thy works: I mused upon the works of thy hands.

6 I stretched forth my hands to thee; my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away.

8 Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

9 Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee have I hoped.

10 Make the way known to me, wherein I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

11 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord; to thee have I fled; teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

12 Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land; for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

13 Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble; and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

14 And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Anth. Remember not, oh Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; and take not revenge of our sins.

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THE LITANY OF OUR LORD JESUS.

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendour of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, the sun of justice,
Jesus, son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, whose name is called Wonderful,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, the father of the world to come,
Jesus, the angel of the great council,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,

Have mercy on us.

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Jesus, our love
Jesus, the God of peace,
Jesus, the author of life,
Jesus, the example of all virtue,
Jesus, zealous lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, the father of the poor,
Jesus, the treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, the good shepherd,
Jesus, the true light,
Jesus, the eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus, the joy of angels,
Jesus, the king of patriarchs,
Jesus, the inspirer of prophets,
Jesus, the master of the apostles,
Jesus, the teacher of the evangelists,
Jesus, the strength of martyrs,
Jesus, the light of confessors,
Jesus, the spouse of virgins,
Jesus, the crown of saints,
Have mercy on us.

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Lord Jesus.*
Be merciful unto us, *Hear us, O Lord Jesus.*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of uncleanness,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of thy holy inspirations,
Through the mystery of thy most holy incarnation,
Through thy nativity,
Through thy divine infancy,
Lord Jesus deliver us.

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Through thy sacred life,
Through thy labours and travels,
Through thy agony and bloody sweat,
Through thy cross and passions,
Through thy pains and torments,
Through thy death and burial,
Through thy glorious resurrection,
Through thy admirable ascension,
Through thy joys and glory,
In the day of judgment,
} *Lord Jesus deliver us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord Jesus.*

Christ Jesus, hear us. *Christ Jesus, graciously hear us.*

LET US PRAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech thee, to our most humble supplications, the gift of thy divine love, that we may ever love thee with our whole hearts, and never cease from praising and glorifying thy name.

O divine Redeemer, give us a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, for thou never ceasest to direct and govern by thy grace those whom thou instructest in the solidity of thy love, who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

O God who hast appointed thy only begotten Son, the Saviour of mankind, and hast commanded that he should be called Jesus; mercy-

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fully grant that we may enjoy his happy vision in heaven, whose holy name we venerate upon earth; who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.

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THE LITANY OF LORETTO.

Anthem. We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord have mercy on us.* Christ, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother undefiled,
Mother untouched,
} *Pray for us.*

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Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of Wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the Covenant,
Gate of Heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,

Pray for us.

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Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
Christ, hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ have mercy on us.*
Lord, have mercy on us. Our Father, &c.

ANTHEM.

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son has been made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistence remain always with us. Amen.

And may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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The Prayer of St. Bernard, Memorare, &c.

Remember, O most holy Virgin Mary! that no one ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your mediation, without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, behold me, a penitent sinner, sighing out my sins before you, beseeching you to adopt me for your son, and to take upon you the care of my eternal salvation.

Despise not, O Mother of Jesus! the petition of your humble client, but hear and grant my prayer.

The Litany of the Saints.

Remember not, &c., *(as page* 144.*)*

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy angels and archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,
} *Pray for us.*

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St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thadee,
St. Mathias,
St. Barnaby,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
St. Fabian and Sebastian,
St. John and Paul,
St. Cosmas and Damian,
St. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Silvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerom,

Pray for us.

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St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
All ye holy doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Bennet,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominick,
St. Francis,
All ye holy priests and Levites,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalene,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecily,
St. Catherine,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy virgins and widows,
Pray for us.

All ye men and women, saints of God, *make intercession for us.*

Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Lord.*

Be merciful unto us, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
From sudden and unprovided death,
From the deceits of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
Through thy coming,
O Lord, deliver us.

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Through thy nativity,
Through thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through thy cross and passion,
Through thy death and burial,
Through thy holy resurrection,
Through thy admirable ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the comforter,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners *do beseech thee hear us.*

O Lord, deliver us.

That thou spare us,
That thou pardon us,
That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,
That thou vouchsafe to preserve our apostolic prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,
That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy Church,
That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,
That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,
That thou vouchsafe to comfort and preserve us in thy holy service,
That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
That thou render eternal good things to all our benefactors,
That thou deliver our souls, and those of our brethren, relations, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,
That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

We beseech thee, hear us.

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That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou vouchsafe graciously to to hear us, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercg on us.*

Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.* Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us. Our Father, *in secret.*

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Litany of St. Joseph.

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Jesus, receive our prayers. *Lord, Jesus, grant our petitions.*

O God the Father, Creator of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Ghost, perfecter of the elect, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

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Holy Mary, spouse of St. Joseph,
St. Joseph, advocate of the humble,
St. Josesh, blessed amongst men,
St. Joseph, defender of the meek,
St. Joseph, exiled with Christ into Egypt,
St. Joseph, favourite of the King of heaven.
St. Joseph, guardian of the Word incarnate,
St. Joseph, honoured amongst men,
St. Joseph, pattern of humility & obedience,
St. Joseph, kind intercessor for the afflicted,
St. Joseph, lily of chastity and temperance,
St. Joseph, example of silence and resignation,
St. Joseph, nursing father to the Son of God.
St. Joseph, the just and perfect man,
St. Joseph, pattern of the industrious and innocent,
St. Joseph, endowed with all virtue,
St. Joseph, ruler of the family of Jesus,
St. Joseph, spouse of the ever-blessed virgin,
St. Joseph, possessed of all-glorious privileges,
St. Joseph, union of all Christian perfections,
St. Joseph, protector of the dying,
St. Joseph, our dear patron and defender,
Pray for us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

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V. Pray for us, O holy St. Joseph.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst make choice of holy St. Joseph, to be the spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary, the nurse and guardian of thy beloved Son Jesus, we humbly beseech thee to grant us, through his intercession, purity both of soul and body, that being free from all sin and adorned with the wedding garment, we may be admitted to the nuptials of the Lamb in eternal Glory, through the same Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER TO OUR ANGEL GUARDIAN.

O holy angel, who art appointed by the divine goodness to be my guardian, to conduct my blindness, teach my ignorance, strengthen my weakness, and excite my slothfulness; I heartily praise our common Lord for so singular a benefit, and thank thee for the many good offices which thou hast done for me, defending me amidst so many dangers both of soul and body, but especially by withholding me from sin, and preserving me when I was hastening to my own destruction. I humbly beseech thee to continue the same care on my behalf, till thou shalt have brought my soul to the happy port of everlasting salvation. Amen.

A PRAYER TO THE SAINT OF OUR NAME, OR PATRON.

O blessed Saint N. glorious citizen of heaven,

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as I render most humble thanks to God for all the good he hath done thee, so I beseech thee to remember me in thy prayers, and obtain for me the entire remission of my sins, the amendment of my life, and the imitation of thy good spirit and holy graces, that I may be perfectly reconciled to my Saviour, and always please him: but especially I recommend to thee the hour of my death, that by thy holy intercession my soul may depart this world in the grace of God, and immediately come to life everlasting. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS FOR THE SICK.

"1. If you are attacked by any considerable illness, let your first care be to send for your spiritual physician, and settle the state of your soul. This is much better done in the beginning of sickness than afterwards, when the strength of the fever or the quality of the remedies may render a person absolutely unfit for so great a work. Sickness is often sent for a punishment of sin, and therefore a sincere repentance and confession of sins is often a more effectual means of recovery than any other.

"2. If you have not your will already made, as it is prudent you ought, let this also be done in the beginning of your sickness, that so having settled your temporal affairs, you may apply your soul, without disturbance to the spiritual.

"3. Engage your best friends to give you timely notice if your distemper be dangerous, and not to flatter you with hopes of life when there are little or no grounds for hopes. Make

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the best use you can of that time which, perhaps, is to be your last. Admit but of few visits, nor of any other discourse but such as may be for your soul's profit.

"4. Take proper care for the discharge of your debts and all other obligations incumbent upon you; and this as much as may be in the beginning also of your sickness: forgive all those who have any way injured you, and ask pardon of those you have injured.

"5. Receive your sickness from the hand of God, with a perfect resignation to his holy will, as a just punishment of your offences; frequently offer yourself up to him and beg that he would give you patience and sanctify your sufferings, and that he would accept of all your pains and uneasinesses, in union with the sufferings of your Saviour, Jesus Christ, in deduction of the punishment due to your sins.

"6. Often procure some friend to read to you such prayers as are most affective, and most proper for your present condition; especially the Penitential Psalms, the Litanies, Acts of the Love of God, of Patience and Resignation, &c.

"7. Have the crucifix, or the picture of Christ crucified, always before your eyes; think often upon his passion, and the hopes which it has opened to you, and embrace his feet with all the affections of your soul.

"8. Aim, as much as you can, at a penitential spirit during your sickness; often cry to God for mercy, and make frequent acts of contrition for your sins. St. Augustine used to say, that no Christian, however innocent his life might have been, ought to venture to die in any other state than in that of a *penitent*."

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A PRAYER IN TIME OF SICKNESS.

Lord Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honour of thy holy name, and for the good of my soul. For this end I here offer myself with an entire submission to all thy appointment; to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long as thou pleasest, and in what manner thou pleasest; for I am thy creature, O Lord, who have most ungratefully offended thee; and since my sins have a long time cried aloud to heaven for justice, why shall I now complain if I feel thy hand upon me? No, my God, thou art just in all thy ways; I have truly deserved thy punishment, and therefore I have no reason to complain of thee, but only of my own wickedness.

But rebuke not me, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; and have regard to my weakness. Thou knowest how frail I am; that I am nothing but dust and ashes: deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, neither punish me according to my iniquities, but according to the multitude of thy most tender mercies, have compassion on me. Oh! let thy justice be tempered with mercy, and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this my illness. Confirm my soul with strength from above, that I may bear, with a true Christian patience, all the uneasinesses, pains, disquiets, and difficulties of my sickness, and that I may cheerfully accept them as the just

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punishment of my offences; preserve me from all temptations, and be thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may in no way offend thee; and if this is to be my last, I beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may neither neglect or be deprived of those helps which thou hast, in thy mercy, ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for its passage into eternity; that being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, put my whole trust in thee, love thee above all things, and through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee for ever. Amen

Short acts of the most necessary virtues, proper to be inculcated in the time of sickness.

Lord, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and entirely resign myself to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but thine be done: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Lord, I submit to all the pains and uneasinesses of this illness; my sins have deserved infinitely more. Thou art just, O Lord, and thy judgment is right.

Lord, I offer up to thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God and my All, as my first beginning and last end! and I desire to pay thee the best homage I am able, and to bow down all the powers of my soul to thee.

Lord, I desire to praise thee for ever, in sick-

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ness as well as in health; I desire to join my heart and my voice with the whole church of heaven and earth, in blessing thee for ever.

I give thee thanks, from the bottom of my heart, for all the mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and thy whole church, through Jesus Christ thy Son; and above all, for having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with his precious blood. Oh! let not that blood be shed for me in vain.

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. Thou art the Sovereign Truth, who neither can deceive nor be deceived; and thou hast promised the Spirit of Truth to guide thy Church into all truth. *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, &c.* In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to live and die. O Lord, strengthen and increase this my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are in thee; and through Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and through his passion and death, I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation from thee. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, O let me never be confounded.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things; at least I desire so to love thee. O come now and take full possession of my whole soul, and teach me to love thee for ever.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

O when will thy kingdom come; O Lord, when wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to love every neighbour with perfect

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charity for the love of thee. I forgive from my heart all that have any ways offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have any ways offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out all my iniquities.

O that I had never offended so good a God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have always preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; dear Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I recommend my soul to God, my Creator, who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ, my Saviour, who redeemed me with his precious blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I recommend my spirit.

I renounce, from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. O suffer not, O Lord, this mortal enemy of my soul to have any power over me, either now or at my last hour. O let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

O holy *Mary*, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, pray for me, a poor sinner.

Litany for a Happy Death.

O Lord Jesus, God of Goodness, and Father of mercies, I approach to thee with a contrite and humble heart: to thee I recommend the last

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hour of my life, and the decision of my eternal doom.

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to an end,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on thee, my last and only support,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the sweat of death and stiffening on my head, shall forbode my approaching end,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my ears, soon to be for ever shut to the discourse of men, shall be open to hear the irrevocable decree, which is to cut me off from the number of the living,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness who will endeavour to conceal thy mercies from my eyes and to plunge me into despair,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my poor heart, yielding to the pressure and exhausted by its frequent struggles against the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance, and in that

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dreadful moment,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, shall shed the tear of pity over me and invoke thy clemency in my behalf, —*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the world shall have vanished from my sight, when my agonising soul shall feel the sorrows of death,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my last sigh shall summon my soul to burst from the embraces of the body and to spring to thee on the wings of impatience and desire,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world and leave my body lifeless, pale and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to thy Divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When at length my soul, admitted to thy presence, shall first behold the splendour of thy Majesty, reject me not, but receive me into thy bosom where I may for ever sing thy praises; and in that moment, when eternity shall begin to me,—*merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

Let us pray.

O God, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embraces of thy love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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DEVOTIONS FOR CONFESSION AND COMMUNION.

A Prayer before the Examination.

My God, my Creator, my Redeemer, my Judge, give me thy grace that I may worthily prepare for this sacrament. Oh, inspire and enlighten my soul, that I may discern all the sins which I have committed against thee. Remove, I beseech thee, remove all indifference and forgetfulness from my mind. It is my wish to confess my sins to thee and to thy minister: let me not, I pray thee, pass over anything in this examination. Let me see every action of my past life in its true light, as it is now seen by thee, and as I myself shall behold it at the hour of my death. Oh save me from the great misfortune of thinking of myself otherwise than I deserve. Thou knowest, oh Lord, what I am: teach me, in thy mercy, to know myself.

Place before me all my iniquities, and let me know my sins. Thou hast said that the just man falls seven times a day. Oh preserve me, great God! from the presumption of thinking that I myself am without sin. If the just man sins against thee, how must I appear in thy eyes? I have sinned, my God, I know that I have sinned. On thee I call, to show me each separate fault. Oh bring all my offences to my mind such as they truly were, and such as they will

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ever stand registered against me, unless I repent of them and confess them to thy minister.

Bring them all to my mind, in every circumstance and aggravating detail, that I may weep over the past, and obtain thy protection for the future.

Let such, dear Lord and Saviour, let such, I pray thee, be the fruits of this confession. Let me not displease thee and sin against thy Holy Spirit, by concealing any thing through shame or neglect. Oh preserve me from thus adding guilt to guilt! Give me thy grace and knowledge, that I may completely remember all my sins, and may completely and frankly confess them: and oh give me those sentiments of gratitude for thy goodness, and that holy love for thee, which may fill my heart with lasting sorrow for having offended thee my great, my kind, my merciful Creator. Amen.

A SECOND PRAYER BEFORE THE EXAMINATION

Great God, who knowest the impulses of our hearts, and who searchest our most secret thoughts and most hidden desires, I humbly approach thee and beg of thee to make known to me the extent of my misery and guilt. I know, O Lord, that I have had the misfortune to offend thee in a thousand ways: I know it in general, though I may have forgotten each separate sin; and unless thy goodness discover them to me, I shall vainly endeavour to remember them as I ought. Help me then, my God, in this examination of my past life. May thy holy light dissipate the darkness of my mind. May thy grace lead me in all my enquiries, and prompt

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me to discover the truth. May it show me to myself such as I am; the number, the quality, the enormity of all my prevarications; and may it inspire me with a proper hatred for them. May it thus, oh Lord, bring every sin so clearly before my mind, that when I present myself before thy minister, I may be enabled truly to declare them such as they are, without disguise, without change, without increase or diminution; without forgetfulness, and without prevarication. Grant me this grace, oh my God, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Short Aspirations which may be frequently repeated before confession.

Jesus, reduce into my mind the sins and wickedness, whereby I have offended thee.

Jesus, grant me the spirit of perfect repentance; that by contrition, confession, and satisfaction, I may obtain thy grace and thoroughly cleanse my conscience.

Jesus, have mercy on me whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, oh Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Examine your conscience upon the ten commandments of God, the commandments of the Church, and on the seven deadly sins, and consult the following table on duties to God, to one's neighbour, and to oneself.

On Duties to God.

Have you failed in any part of your last con-

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fession, either from carelessness in examining your conscience, or from want of contrition?

Have you wandered or doubted in any article of faith?

Have you endeavoured to correct your faults, or rejected the proper means of doing so?

Have you been voluntarily distracted during your prayers?

Have you failed to hear mass on Sundays and days of obligation when you had the means of doing so?

Have you talked at church, or given scandal by irreverent conduct?

Have you been guilty of any acts of superstition, such as consulting fortune-tellers, believing in dreams, and the like?

Have you allowed others to speak profanely, heretically, or immodestly, without shewing, as much as was in your power, that you did not agree with them?

Have you from sloth or idleness failed in any of your spiritual duties?

Have you endeavoured to reap advantage from the word of God, heard or read?

Have you neglected the divine inspirations which moved you to good deeds? or have you ridiculed the ordinances of religion or its ministers?

Have you sworn or taken any oath without need, truth, or reverence?

Have you neglected to fulfil any vow or promise to God?

Have you failed to offer all your acts and inclinations to the glory of God?

Have you felt consent on seeing any one commit a mortal sin?

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Have you felt presumption on the mercy of God, or too much despair?

Have you failed to do good from fear of the ridicule of others?

Have you done good from hypocrisy or vain glory?

Have you feared to sin more from dread than from love of God, without endeavouring to nourish the better feeling?

Have you neglected the service of God on holidays to give up those days to amusements or visits?

Have you murmured against God or his works?

Have you willingly permitted others to offend God or your neighbour?

Have you sought to promote the spiritual good of your servants, children, or household?

Have you neglected the service of God from attachment to the world?

Have you exposed yourself to temptation and the evident danger of committing sin?

Have you neglected the counsels of your spiritual directors or superiors?

On Duties to one's Neighbour.

Have you joyed in the distresses or felt sorrow at the prosperity of your neighbour?

Have you failed to excuse and pardon the faults committed against you?

Have you kept any animosity or bitterness in your heart?

Have you given bad advice when you could have advised better?

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Have you praised any one for anything that he had done wrong?

Have you abused or struck any one in impatience or anger?

Have you turned another aside from any good work on which he was bent?

Have you suspected or judged any one rashly?

Have you detracted or taken away from another's character or reputation? or heard others do so willingly, or without trying to stop them?

Have you ridiculed any one, or reproached him with his infirmities?

Have you given scandal, or been the occasion of sin to others by conversation, bad example, misbehaviour, or otherwise?

Have you despised or disobeyed your parents in matters of importance, or which they judged to be such.

Have you been the cause that others have sworn or blasphemed, or entertained evil or irreligious thoughts?

Have you felt hatred against any one?

Have you demanded payment that was not due to you, or more than was due, or charged more than the just price?

Have you refused to pay that which you justly owed? or involved yourself in debt?

Have you been harsh or provoking to those about you?

Have you been uncharitable to the poor?

(If a husband.) Have you been faithful to your marriage vow, loving and cherishing your wife, bearing patiently with any weakness of mind or temper or other infirmity, and being kind and frank to her lest you should estrange her confidence from you?

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(If a wife.) Have you been wanting in your duty to your husband, in obedience and gentleness? or have you published his faults? or spent more money than he would afford? Have you given him any cause for jealousy, by lightness of behaviour towards others, or by indifference, or seeming indifference towards him?

Have you neglected to find fault with your children when guilty, or chastised them too severely? Have you neglected to have them baptised; to instruct them in their religion; to guard them from improper books, bad company, and from every situation that might lead them into temptation?

Have you used your best endeavours, subject to the pleasure of God, to provide for their comfortable and innocent subsistence in this world?

Have you neglected to maintain harmony and good will in your household, as much as was in your power?

Have you neglected to acquire the knowledge proper to your state of life, or necessary to the work which you had undertaken?

Have you told a falsehood, or been silent and so deceived when it was your duty to speak out?

Have you neglected the work or business to which you were hired or obliged by contract? or have you been guilty of any other species of cheating, stealing or dishonesty?

Have you, in fine, sinned in any of the nine ways in which one may be made the partaker of another's sin:—that is to say, 1. By counselling it: 2. By commanding it: 3. By provoking him to it: 4. By praising or flattering him for it: 5. By not speaking against it when you ought

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to have spoken: 6. By winking at it: 7. By being a partner with him in the fact: 9. By defending the ill done?

On Duties to Oneself.

Have you committed any excess in meat or drink?

Have you willingly given way to any immodest thought or desire, entertained any indelicate feelings, or been guilty of any acts of impurity?

Have you failed to keep a strict watch over your exterior senses, your sight and hearing, your feelings and speech?

Have you exposed yourself with too much confidence to the danger of sin, or taken any improper or dangerous liberties?

Have you sought to see, or to hear, or to read, anything that was immodest, or that you thought was so?

Have you given up too much time to dress, to company, or to trifles?

Have you been proud on account of your prosperity, your personal appearance, your cleverness, or your relations and friends?

Have you despised and neglected those whom it was your duty to respect?

Have you given way to impatience, obstinacy, or anger? moroseness, sulkiness, or captiousness? or have you suffered your temper to be easily ruffled?

Have you neglected your household duties—the superintendence of your family concerns, your servants and children?

Have you wasted your time in idleness, or in

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chattering, from sloth, or from not endeavouring to get methodical habits?

Have you tried to defend and excuse yourself when you knew that you were in fault?

Thus examine into the state of your conscience; recollecting that God will require an account of every idle word and thought; and that whatever temper you have indulged in here which you could not continue to display in heaven, is wrong and ought to be amended.

A Prayer to obtain Contrition.

I have sinned, oh my God; I have been led away from thee, and from the strict performance of those duties and charities of life which thou hast appointed me. I have been negligent, and have indulged my evil propensities; and now what has it profitted me? What can it profit a man, thou didst say, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? But have mercy on me, oh God, in thy great mercy, and let not my soul be lost. Free me from the guilt which I have drawn upon myself, by granting me that true sorrow which may enable me to obtain thy pardon.

When I remember all thou hast done for me, and all thou hast suffered for me, my merciful Saviour, can I persist in those ways which are displeasing to thee? Can I reject all thy kind conditions of mercy, and rely for my salvation on myself alone? Oh no, my Saviour, no! To thee I pray; in thee I hope. I am sorry for my sins—sorry for having displeased thee, and removed my soul from thy grace. Oh let me not continue in my loneliness; but strengthen the spirit of repentence within me, that thy light

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may again shine upon my soul. Give me sorrow for the past, and a firm purpose of amendment for the future. Teach me to improve myself in virtue; and enable me to shun hereafter whatever may be likely to draw me astray. Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil.

But of all evils deliver me, at this time, from hardness of heart. Pour forth thy saving grace upon me, and incline my heart to thy loving tenderness. Let me feel that sorrow which may produce a lasting effect, and may cause me to be always recollected in thee for the future. What avails it that I know my sins unless I repent of them, and endeavour to avoid them hereafter? Oh perfect the work of amendment, and give me a true contrition—a contrition that may keep me from committing the same faults for ever more. I will confess my sins to thee, and thou wilt forgive me. I will call upon thee, and thou wilt answer me. To my hearing thou wilt give joy and gladness, and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice. I do humble myself before thee, my dear Lord; and I will ever humble myself in acknowledgment of my faults: but oh! make my soul rejoice in thy pardon; make it always rejoice in the feeling that thy grace will protect me in all future trials, and will strengthen my resolution to avoid sin and to amend my evil inclinations. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

My God, Almighty Father! I am sorry for my sins. I am sorry that I have been ever led astray from my duties, because my faults have been displeasing to thee, my merciful creator.

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Oh, pardon me the sins that I am about to confess, and pardon all those which I have committed during my past life, and such also as may now have escaped my memory. I am sorry for them all, and implore thy forgiveness that I have ever had the misfortune to offend thee. Renew thy grace within my soul; wash it from every stain of guilt; and enable me to dedicate it to thee for the future.

Accept of my repentance, and blot out all my sins. Oh, let me never again have the misfortune to offend thee: for, oh Lord! thou knowest that I love thee, and that I sincerely desire to obtain thy love and mercy. Have mercy on me, oh God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out all my iniquities. To thee I offer myself: in thee I trust. Pardon the imperfections of my contrition, and let thy mercy supply what is wanting on my part. Let thy Holy Spirit again beam upon my soul, and so purify and becalm it that it may again become the abode of thy all-saving grace. Pardon and protect me, my God, I beseech thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God for ever and ever. Amen.

With humility and sorrow kneel down in the confessional; and make the sign of the cross, saying "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," then add "Pray father, give me your blessing, for I have sinned." When the priest has given his blessing, repeat the *Confiteor*, or "I confess to almighty God," &c. (as in page 4,) as far as "through my fault, through

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my fault, through my most grievous fault." Here stop and mention all the sins that you can remember having committed since your last confession, or which you had then omitted or forgotten; and in your manner of doing so be guided by these three essential rules:—

First: Let your confession be *entire;* keeping back no sin wilfully—for to do so would make your confession of no use in itself, and would be adding the great sin of sacrilege to your former guilt. Tell the quality, and, where you are able, the number of your sins: and whatever aggravating circumstances may belong to each.

Secondly: Let your confession be *pure* from all deceit and pretence. Say every thing with truth and exactness: what you are sure of, as certain; what you doubt of, as doubtful. Shew yourself such as you believe yourself to be. But let your confession be free from excuses and needless words; avoid all that has nothing to do with the matter in hand: do not tell the faults of others; do not name any one without need; and proceed through the whole as shortly and clearly as possible.

Third: Let your confession be *humble.* Remember that you are in the presence of God: that it is from Him you ask absolution, by means of His minister. Behave, therefore, reverently; and use such language as may show your sorrow to be sincere and free from affectation.

Then add "Of these and all other sins which I may not have been able to recollect, I am resolved to amend myself, and I humbly beg pardon of God, and penance and absolution. Therefore, I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed

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Michael," &c., and so continue and finish the *Confiteor*. Then listen devoutly and attentively to whatever advise or injunction your confessor may give you; and retire with the firm purpose of fulfilling, without delay, the penance enjoined and the conditions on which your absolution was given, and of amending your conduct for the time to come.

A Prayer after Confession.

Almighty God! who art the judge of the living and of the dead, ratify, I beseech thee, the pardon which has just been pronounced in my favour. Do thou unbind in heaven what thy minister has loosed on earth. Oh, I bless and praise thee, my God, for having delivered me from the yoke which enthralled me: for having freed me from the weight of those sins which I shall now only think of with renewed sorrow. For thou didst touch my heart and I detested my faults: thou didst loosen my tongue, and I declared them to thy priest: and thou hast forgiven me by his voice.

Accept of my thankfulness, oh my God! and grant that I may live henceforth for thee alone. Grant that I may die to the world and to myself: that I may renounce for ever all dangerous companies, all my sinful ways, all my evil inclinations and unlawful desires. Thou hast given me now the will to renounce them; but thou knowest alas! how wavering and unsettled is that will: thou knowest that I am nought but weakness, and that I can do nought without thee.

Strengthen, therefore, I beseech thee, the good resolutions which thy grace has called up within

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me. Complete the work of my conversion which thou hast mercifully begun. Be thou, oh God, my strength and my stay against my own weakness and all the other foes to my salvation. May the devil, the world and the flesh no longer rule over me; but do thou, my creator, reign henceforward alone in my heart. Let my love be fixed on thee alone, and let me entirely belong to thee. Do thou be the beginning and the end of all my thoughts and of all my actions, of all my words, of all my affections, and of all the impulses of my mind.

I beg of thee this favour, oh my God, not for a time only, but for ever: I beg it in the name of thy beloved Son, who has promised to grant whatsoever we should ask through his merits and in his name. Oh, let thy Holy Spirit awaken within me those pious wishes and aspirations which may raise my soul to thee: do thou awaken within me those burning desires and that humble and true piety which is most pleasing to thee; and then, dear Lord, then shall I be sure to serve thee all my life, with that faithfulness and that steadiness which I now purpose to adopt, and to which thy infinite goodness has so full a claim. Amen.

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DEVOTIONS ON RECEIVING THE HOLY COMMUNION.

Instruction.

Having purified yourself by true repentence, humble confession, and a strong purpose of amendment—keep your mind in the pious dispositions which these duties have called up.

Withdraw yourself, as much as you can, from all that may entice your feelings to worldly hopes and every-day interests; and keep yourself recollected, meek and pious; "speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns, and spiritual canticles; singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" and by a holy seriousness, curbing your thoughts and your senses, even in lawful allurements.

Add to your piety by considering the mighty work you are about to do; the lowliness and the unworthiness of your own self, and the greatness and kindness of your Saviour.

Sorrow, humility, reverence, faith, hope, thankfulness, and love—these are the feelings which should wholly engage your soul. Arouse them within you; and you may then hope to reap those spiritual blessings and that help for all your wants, even for this world, which a merciful God so plentifully bestows on the more worthy partakers of his saving body and blood.

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Preparatory Prayers.

"*I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. And the bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*" John vi.

"*As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.*" John vi.

"*Come to me all you that labour and are heavy burthened, and I will refresh you, saith the Lord.*" Matt. xi.

These are thy words, oh Christ, the Eternal Truth. Though not all spoken at one time nor written in one place, they are thy words, and they are true; and they are to be received by me with thanks and with faith. They are thine, for thou hast spoken them; but they are also mine, for thou hast delivered them for my salvation. Willingly, therefore, I receive them from thy mouth, that they may be inseparably engrafted on my heart. Do thou prepare my soul, oh my Saviour! for thy words of love and of tenderness encourage me, while my own sins affright me; and my unclean conscience keeps me back from approaching thy awful mysteries.

Thou commandest, oh my God, that I should approach thee in confidence if I wish to have part with thee, and that I should receive the food of immortality if I would obtain eternal life and glory. "Come to me," thou sayest, "come to me all you that labour and are heavy burthened, and I will refresh you." I hear, great God, I hear the loving call which thou makest to the

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poor and needy sinner to receive the communion of thy most holy body. I hear thee, my God; but who am I that I should presume to draw nigh? Behold the heaven of heavens may not contain thee, and thou sayest "Come you all unto me."

But how shall I dare approach who am conscious to myself of no good on which I may rely? How shall I, who have so often sinned before thee, introduce thee into my house? The angels and the archangels revere thee, the saints and the just fear thee; and yet, my Saviour, thou sayest "Come you all unto me." Oh, unless thou, my God, didst say it, who could believe the words? and unless thou didst command it, who would dare approach?

When I remember that Noah, a just man, spent one hundred years in making the Ark that he and a few others might be saved, how can I, in one hour, prepare myself to receive with reverence the Maker of the world? When I remember that thy great servant and chosen friend Moses, made an ark of incorruptible wood, incased with pure gold, to contain the tables of the law; how can I, my God, how can I, a faulty creature, dare so lightly to receive thee, the founder of the law and the giver of life? When I remember that Solomon, the wisest king of Israel, spent seven years in building a magnificent temple to the honour of thy name; that he spent eight days in solemnly consecrating it, and that he offered up one thousand peaceful holocausts before he would place therein the ark of the covenant:—when I remember all this, how, great God! can I, a poor and wretched mortal,

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how can I take thee into my house—I who am scarcely able to spend one half hour devoutly?—and oh that I could even spend that half hour as I ought!

Oh, my God! how much did these, thy servants, do to please thee: while, alas, how little do I perform. In how short a time do I think to prepare myself for communion! Make me, however, at least entirely recollected; free my soul from every outward distraction. Oh, in the presence of thy saving Deity, let no unworthy thought occur; let no created thing engage my mind, when I am about to welcome the king of angels. For what was the ark of the covenant with its relics compared to thy most pure body and its unspeakable virtues? What were all those royal offerings, which did but foretell the future, compared with the true host of thy body, which is the fulfilment of every ancient sacrifice?

Oh! excite me then, my Redeemer, when I approach to thee! Let me feel some part of that burning love and solicitude which so many patriarchs and prophets, and kings and princes, and people gladly showed towards thy holy worship!

Oh; the blindness and the hardness of the heart of man, to attend so little to this unspeakable gift, and even from daily custom to disregard its advantages! For if this most holy sacrament were only in one place in all the world, with what an earnest desire would not all ever long to be in that place, that they might behold the celebration of the divine mystery! Many, indeed, run to sundry countries to visit the relics of thy saints; they wonder when they hear of their actions and see the splendid temples raised

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over them, while they honour thee by kissing their bones wrapped up in silks and gold: but thou, thou my God! art here before us on the altar;—thou, the Saint of Saints, the creator of man, and the God of Angels! Thanks, therefore, be to thee, oh good Jesus, the eternal shepherd, who hast deigned to strengthen us poor exiles with thy precious body and blood; and hast invited us to partake of thy mysteries in those words full of hope and encouragement:—"Come to me all ye that labour and are heavy burthened, and I will refresh you."

Rejoice, oh my soul, and give thanks to God always for so noble a gift and so great a comfort left to thee in this vale of tears!

A Prayer for the Grace of God.

I come to thee, oh Lord, that it may be well with me by thy gift, and that I may be blessed in the holy banquet which thou, oh God, hast prepared for us. In thee, is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire: thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength, my honour and my glory. Grant, therefore, oh Lord Jesus, that my soul may be joyful this day, because I have lifted it up to thee.

I desire, at this time, to receive thee devoutly and reverently; I desire to bring thee into my house, that, like Zaccheus, I may receive thy blessing and be numbered amongst thy children. My soul longs after thee, and aspires to be united to thee. Oh "send me not home fasting lest I faint by the way;" lest I lose thy grace to withdraw me from evil, and to strengthen me in good.

Prepare me, oh my Saviour, by thy blessed

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grace, that I may approach worthily and devoutly to this awful sacrament. Raise up my heart towards thee, and free it from all sluggishness: visit me with thy grace that my spirit may taste of thy sweetness. Oh give me thy grace, dear Jesus, give me thy special mercy, that I may be wholly engaged in thee; that my spirit may overflow with thy love; that I may be happily united to thee; and that I may henceforth abide in thee and thou in me; and that nothing in life or death may ever separate me from thee. Amen.

Commemoration of the Passion of Christ.

I desire, in these holy mysteries, to commemorate, as thou hast commanded, all thy sufferings: —thy agony and bloody sweat, thy being betrayed and apprehended, all the reproaches and calumnies, all the scoffs and affronts, all the blows and buffets thou hast endured for me;—thy being scourged, crowned with thorns, and loaded with a heavy cross for my sins, and for those of the whole world; thy crucifixion and death, together with thy glorious resurrection and triumphant ascension. I adore thee and give thee thanks for all thou hast done and suffered for us; and for giving us, in this blessed sacrament, this pledge of our redemption, this victim of our ransom, this body and blood which were offered for us.

An Act of Contrition.

Lord, I detest with my whole heart all the sins by which I have offended thy divine Majesty, from the first moment that I was capable of sinning to this very hour. I desire to lay them all

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down here at thy feet to be cancelled by thy precious blood. What can I do for them but humbly confess and lament them all my life time? This, then, I heartily disire to do, and, from this moment, continually to cry to thee for mercy. Hear me, oh Lord, by that infinite love by which thou hast shed thy blood for me. Oh, let not that blood have been shed in vain! All my sins displease me now exceedingly, because they have offended thy infinite goodness. By thy grace, I will never commit them any more. I am sorry for them, and will be sorry for them as long as I live, and, according to the best of my power, will do penance for them.

Forgive, dear Lord, according to thy great mercy. Pardon me for all that is past; and be thou my keeper for the time to come, that I may never more offend thee.

An Act of Faith.

I most firmly believe that, in this holy sacrament, thou art present verily and indeed; that here is thy body and blood, thy soul and thy divinity. I believe that thou, my Saviour, true God and true man, art really here in all thy mercy; that here thou communicatest thyself to us, makest us partakers of the fruit of thy passion, and givest us a pledge of eternal life. I believe there cannot be a greater good than to receive thee worthily, nor a greater evil than to receive thee unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is taught us by thy word and by thy church.

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An Act of Hope.

Oh most kind and loving Lord, whom I now desire to receive with all devotion and with all spiritual benefit to my soul, confirm, I beseech thee, my hopes in thy mercy, and bestow on me every good and every perfect gift. Do thou henceforward comfort me in all sorrows: do thou strengthen my zeal in every trial. May I receive from this holy communion of thy sacred body and blood, such help and grace that I may never more be guilty of sin or of sloth in thy service.

Oh my Saviour, let me ever hope in thee and look towards thee as my strong and only friend. May the remembrance of thy past favours, and the hope of thy lasting protection still cheer and gladden my soul: and may thy blessed grace at length lead me to that true happiness, when hope shall be no more, but shall yield to the sure and certain enjoyment of thy bright presence in heaven.

An Act of Charity.

Oh, my dear Saviour, the God of my heart, come to me and fill my soul; withdraw it from all created things, and let it be wholly fixed on thee. I love thee, oh God; teach me to love thee more and more. Teach me to feel an answering love to that which prompted thee to institute this sacrament for our welfare. Oh, let not thy kindness be lost on me! Inflame me with the thought of thy goodness; grant me those feelings of love and devotion which may make me less unworthy to receive thee now, and which may produce a lasting effect upon my future conduct.

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I bless and praise thee, oh my Saviour, and I offer to thee all the best powers of my mind, all my best and purest feelings. Oh, do thou improve and inspire them, that they may be less unworthy of thy acceptance. Let nothing hereafter disturb the pure gladness of my soul, which thou wilt this day soothe with thy presence. But grant me that love and devotion in this holy communion which may calm every worldly thought and care, and may fit my breast to be the blessed abode of divine charity.

I thank thee, eternal Father, for having given us this pledge of thy mercy. Oh prepare me for it by the help of thy Holy Spirit. Grant me now and ever to love thee with my whole heart, with my whole soul, with all my strength, and with all my mind, and never to forget the great mercy now vouchsafed to me in this holy communion.

An Act of Humility.

Who am I, my God, that I should dare approach thee? Thou art the Holy of Holies, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords; and I am but a poor sinner, a faithless servant; often the slave of my passions. No, divine Saviour; I should not dare to approach thee were I not encouraged by thy most kind invitation, by thy most cheering words. "Come to me, dost thou still say, come to me all you that labour and are heavy burdened, and I will relieve you."

I come, then, oh my God! as a sick man to his physician; as a sufferer to his deliverer, as a blind man to eternal brightness; as a poor suppliant to the Lord of heaven and earth. Oh

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Jesus have pity on my state! Cure my complaints; free me from my misery; enlighten my darkness; and relieve my poverty. Do thou thyself prepare my breast to be a worthy abode for thee. Let the fire of thy love consume in it whatever displeases thee: retrace within me thy image and likeness, which my faults have so often disfigured. Let me attach myself to thee, so that I may love but thee alone, so that I may live only in thee, and be entirely united to thee.

My Saviour! I venture to ask of thee all these favours, because I know that with thy Father and the Holy Ghost thou art a God of mercy and of goodness, infinitely kind to those who invoke thy holy name. I believe in thee, oh Lord; increase my faith: I hope in thee; strengthen my hope. I love thee; oh redouble my love at this time when I ought to be filled with the most lively faith, confidence, and charity, that I may receive thee in a manner worthy of thy goodness.

For the Prayers of the Saints.

Oh all ye saints and angels who see him face to face, whom I here receive under these humble veils, and thou most especially, ever blessed Virgin Mary, in whose sacred womb he was conceived and borne for nine months—I most humbly beg the assistance of your prayers and intercession, that I may in such a manner receive him here in this place of banishment as to be brought one day to behold him with you in our true country, and there to praise and bless him for ever and ever. Amen.

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At the AGNUS DEI, *join in with the prayers of the Priest:—*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on me.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on me.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant me peace.

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thy apostles, I give you peace, I give you my peace, regard not my sins but the faith of thy church; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of thy Father, hast, by thy death, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, given life to the world, deliver me, by this thy most sacred body and blood, from all my iniquities, and from all evils; and make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee: who livest and reignest with God the Father, &c. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy body, oh Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive turn to my judgment and condemnation; but, through thy mercy, may it be a safeguard and remedy both to soul and body; who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

I will take the bread of heaven and will call upon the name of the Lord.

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Then, with the priest, strike your breast with humility and devotion and repeat three times

Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof, say but the word and my soul shall be healed.

Repeat the Confiteor with the assistants; renew your contrition and your prayer for pardon; and with all the devotion of your nature join with the Priest in the prayer,

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life.

It is impossible to prescribe a set form of prayer for the moment of your reception of this blessed Sacrament: your own heart will, by the grace of God, suggest proper thoughts. The following aspirations, learnt before-hand, will be found to assist and embody, in easy language, the kindred feelings of your soul.

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ASPIRATIONS IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMMUNION.

Preserve, my Jesus, oh preserve
  My soul to everlasting life.
Oh, may this blest communion serve
  To aid my soul in passion's strife;
Oh, may thy body and thy blood
Be to my soul a saving food,
To fill it still with life and grace
And every sinful stain efface!

To bless thee be my sole employ,
  My God, my Saviour, great and kind!
Inflame my heart with grateful joy;
  Teach me, in praising thee, to find
Warm thoughts and feelings warm, whose glow
My gratitude may aptly show.
But no, my God! nor word, nor thought,
Could bless and praise thee as I ought.
Weak praise were mine. Do thou inspire
My soul with love and living fire.
Oh, may this cold and lowly breast
Be warm'd by thee, its God, its guest.
May it by thee be mov'd to love
And taught thy saving grace to improve.

Take, then, my thoughts from all but thee.
  To thee may ev'ry impulse tend.
What 'vails to tell my misery?
  I have my God—my guest— my friend:

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So be his praise my only theme!
All wants my Saviour will redeem:
My Saviour knows whate'er I need
He gives himself. And shall I plead
For other boons? No! let me raise
My ev'ry thought in love and praise.
Dear Lord, no other prayer I form
Than for devotion pure and warm.
May warm devotion fill my soul;
May love for thee each thought controul;
May piety increase; and prayer
My ev'ry thought, word, action share:
The gift of love's my sole request—
Thou, God of love! wilt grant the rest.

Dear Lord! may this communion prove
A never failing bond of love.
Forgive my coldness and supply
My every weak deficiency.
May thy best grace suffice for all
And every wayward sense enthrall:
Such grace on every feeling pour
As ne'er may leave thy servant more:
Each hope, each impulse firmly bind
In grace to thee, my Saviour kind:
Such saving grace, dear Lord, be given
As leads the happy soul to heaven.

And thou, Eternal Godhead! see
The Son beloved, once given for me;
Who for my sake, bore life and death
And cheers me still these veils beneath;
See my Redeemer—now the guest
Of this poor, lowly, honoured breast;

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See—see thy Jesus: Him I bring:
Accept—accept my offering:
Accept the Sacrifice which pleads
For all thy grateful servant needs.

Prayers after Communion.

Behold oh Lord, I have thee now, who hast all things; I possess thee, who possessest all things, and who canst do all things; take off my heart then, O my God and my All, from all other things but thee; let my heart be fixed on thee alone; let me ever repose in thee, where alone my treasure is, the sovereign truth, and true happiness, and happy eternity.

Thou art the physician of my soul, who healest all my infirmities by thy sacred blood; and I am that sick man, whom thou camest from heaven to heal: Oh, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

O true light, which enlightenest every man that cometh into the world, enlighten my eyes, that I may never sleep in death.

O king of heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold I am poor and needy: thou knowest what I most stand in need of, and thou alone canst assist me and enrich me: Oh, help me, my God! and out of the treasures of thy bounty succour my needy soul.

O my Lord and God, behold I am thy servant; give me understanding, and excite my affections, that I may henceforward in all things know and do thy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, who takest away the sins of the world; oh, take away from me whatsoever is hurtful to me,

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and displeasing to thee, and give me what thou knowest to be pleasing to thee and profitable to me.

O my God and my all, may the sweet flame of thy love consume my soul, that so I may die to the world for the love of thee, who hast vouchsafed to die upon the cross for the love of me.

Prayer of St. Thomas of Aquino.

I give thee thanks, oh holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, who, in thine own mercy hast vouchsafed to nourish me, a sinner and thy unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I had no claim upon thy goodness: I had no merits, no deserts which I could put forward in mine own behalf. But let not this holy communion, I pray thee, turn to my judgment and condemnation: let it rather obtain for me pardon and salvation. Let it cleanse me from all my vices; let it destroy all my concupiscences and evil desires. Let it increase my charity, my patience, my humility, my obedience. Let it defend me from all my enemies, visible and invisible. Let it appease all the evil propensities of my mind and body: and guide me so straightly to thee, my true and only God, that I may look forward to thee as the happy goal of all my endeavours. Thus lead me, I pray thee, to that unspeakable festival when thou and thy Son and the Holy Ghost will be, to me and to all thy saints, the complete fulness, the end of hope, the everlasting joy, and the never-changing happiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A Prayer of St. Bonaventure.

Inspire, most dear Lord Jesus, I beseech thee, inspire into every recess of my heart and into every tendency of my affections, thy dear and saving love; thy true, thy calm, thy holy and apostolic charity; so that my soul may ever long for thee; may ever raise itself in spirit to thy heavenly abode; may ever desire to be dissolved and to be with thee.

Oh grant that my soul may ever tend towards thee, thou bread of angels! thou refreshment of holy hearts; thou most needful of all daily bread, containing all sweetness and delight. For thee, on whom the angels joy to look, may my heart ever aspire, and my soul ever feel the effects of thy presence! O may it ever long for thee, thou fountain of life, thou fountain of wisdom and knowledge, thou fountain of eternal light—overflowing with the sweets and the riches of the kingdom of heaven. May my soul ever seek thee, ever long for thee, tend towards thee and find thee. May it meditate on thee, may it speak of thee, may it do all things to the praise and glory of thy name; with humility and discretion, with delight and affection, with perseverance unto the end.

Oh my God! do thou alone be my hope, my trust, my wealth, my delight, my rest and peace, my pleasure, and my aim. Do thou be my food and my refreshment; my refuge and my assistance; my comfort, my wisdom, and my treasure; in which my mind and my heart may be firmly and immovably fixed now and for ever. Amen.

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An Offering of Self.

Oh Lord Jesus Christ! I humbly beg of thy unspeakable mercy that this sacrament of thy body and blood which I, unworthy, have ventured to receive, may efface my sins, may strengthen me in temptations, may soothe me amongst the dangers of the world, may obtain my pardon, may settle me in thy grace, may be a memorial of thy passion, may be an excitement to my weakness, and may be the viaticum of my pilgrimage. May it guide me while I advance in virtue; may it lead me back when I wander; may it uphold me when I totter; may it uplift me when I fall; may it welcome me when I return; and may it reward my perseverance with heavenly glory. Oh great God! may the blessed presence of thy body and blood so change my heart, that it may feel no other pleasure, that it may love no other beauty, that it may desire no other consolation, that it may welcome no other delight, that it may heed no other honour, than such as are agreeable to thee; and that it may fear no worldly harshness or persecution but such as may separate it from thee whom it now desires to praise and to bless for ever.

And O my dear Lord and Saviour, who hast here given me thyself, I would gladly make some suitable return to thee for this infinite love; I would gladly make thee some offering in acknowledgment of this rich gift thou hast made me. But alas! thou knowest my poverty; thou knowest I have nothing worthy of thy acceptance; nothing but what, upon a thousand titles, is already thine. But, O my God, such is thy

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goodness, thou wilt be contented with the little that I can give thee, though it be thine already; thou asketh nothing but my heart, and this I here most willingly offer thee: oh, be pleased to accept of it, and make it wholly thine for ever. I offer thee here my whole being—my body, with all its senses, and my soul, with all its powers; that as thou hast at present honoured them both by thy presence, so may they be both thy temple for ever. Oh sanctify and consecrate eternally to thyself this mansion, which thou hast this day chosen for thy abode. I give thee my memory, that it may be for ever recollected in thee; my understanding, that it may be always enlightened and directed by thy truth; and my will, that it may be ever conformable to thine, and ever burn with love of thee. Oh take me entirely into thy hands, with all that I have and all that I am; and let nothing henceforward, in life or death, ever separate me any more from thee. Amen.

An Oblation of Christ.

O Father of mercies and God of all consolation, how hast thou loved us, to whom thou hast given thy only Son once for our ransom, and daily for the food of our souls? What can I, a wretched creature, return to thee for this infinite charity? Verily, nothing else but this same beloved Son of thine, whom thou hast given to me, and surely thou couldst give me nothing greater, or more worthy of thyself. Him then I offer to thee, O heavenly Father, with whom thou art always well pleased; him whom thou hast lovingly delivered up to death for me, and

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given me in this most holy sacrament, which we frequent for the everlasting memorial of his death. He is our high priest and victim; he is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world; he is our advocate and intercessor. Look down then upon him, and for his sake look down upon me, and upon us all. Remember all his sufferings which he endured here in this mortal life, his bitter anguish, his mortal agony and bloody sweat, all the injuries and affronts, all the blows and stripes, all the bruises and wounds that he received for us. Remember his death, which thou wast pleased should be the fountain of our life; and for the sake of his sacred passion have mercy on us. Receive, O Holy Father almighty and everlasting God, this holy and unspotted victim, which I here offer thee in union with that love with which he offered himself to thee upon the altar of the cross; receive him for the praise and glory of thy name; in thanksgiving for all the benefits bestowed on me, and on all mankind; in satisfaction also for all my sins, and the benefit of thy whole Church and the refreshment and comfort of all thy faithful, living and dead; through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

Petitions after Communion.

Oh most merciful Saviour, behold I have presumed to receive thee this day into my house, relying on thy infinite goodness and mercy and hoping like Zaccheus, to obtain thy blessing. But, alas! with how little preparation; with how little devotion. From my heart I beg pardon for my great unworthiness, and

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for my innumerable sins, which I detest for the love of thee, and desire to detest for ever. Oh, wash them all away with thy precious blood; for thou art the Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world; and one drop of this blood, which thou hast shed for us, is more than enough to cancel the sins of ten thousand worlds.

Thou seest, O searcher of hearts, all my maladies and all the wounds of my soul; thou knowest how prone I am to evil, and how backward and sluggish to good. Thou seest this self love, that tyrannizes over my soul, which is so deeply rooted in any corrupt nature, and branches out into so many vices, so much pride and vanity, so much passion and envy, so much covetousness and worldly solicitude, so much sensuality and concupiscence. Oh! who can heal all these my evils, but thou, the true physician of my soul, who givest me thy body and blood in this blessed sacrament, as a sovereign medicine for all my infirmities, and a sovereign balsam for all my wounds? Dispel, dear Jesus, the darkness of ignorance and error from my understanding by thy heavenly light: drive away the corruption and malice of my will by the fire of divine love and charity; restrain all the motions of concupiscence, and all the irregular sallies of passion, that they may no more prevail over me: strengthen my weakness with heavenly fortitude; destroy this hellish monster of self-love, with its many heads, or at least weaken its power within me that it may no longer usurp the empire of my soul, which belongs to thee, and which thou hast taken possession of this day: weaken its many allurements, and particularly

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that which annoys me most, and which is my predominant passion; stand by me henceforward in all my temptations, that I may never more be overcome; remove from me all dangerous occasions, and grant me this one favour, that I may rather die a thousand deaths than live to offend thee mortally.

O, my Jesus, thou art infinitely rich, and all the treasures of divine grace are locked up in thee: these treasures thou bringest with thee when thou comest to visit us in this blessed sacrament, and thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us, to enrich our poverty. This gives me the confidence to present me now with my petitions, and to beg of thee those graces and virtues which I very much stand in need of, as thou best knowest. Oh, increase and strengthen my belief of thy heavenly truths, and grant that henceforward I may ever live by faith, and be guided by the maxims of thy gospel. Teach me to be poor in spirit, and take off my heart from the love of these transitory things, and fix it upon eternity: teach me by thy divine example and by thy most efficacious grace, to be meek and humble of heart, and in my patience to possess my soul. Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure from the corruption of lust; that I may ever bewail my past sins, and by a daily mortification restrain all irregular inclinations and passions for the future. Above all things, teach me to be ever recollected in thee, and to walk always in thy presence; teach me to love my friends in thee, and my enemies for thee; grant me to persevere to the end in thy love, and so to come

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one day to that happy place, where I may love and enjoy thee for ever.

Have mercy also on my parents, friends, and benefactors, and all those for whom I am in any way bound to pray, that we may all love thee and faithfully serve thee. Have mercy on thy whole Church, and all the clergy and religious men and women, that all may live up to their calling, and sanctify thy name. Give thy grace and blessing to all princes and magistrates, and to all christian people; convert all unbelievers and sinners, and bring all strayed sheep back to thy fold; particularly have mercy on N. and N. &c.

O blessed Virgin, Mother of my God and Saviour, recommend all these my petitions to your Son. O all ye angels and saints, citizens of heaven, join also your prayers with mine: you ever stand before his throne, and see him face to face, whom I receive here under veils: be ever mindful of me, and obtain from him, and through him, that you and I may bless and love him for ever. Amen.

Pious Petitions after Communion.

First Petition.—For the pardon of all defects committed in this Communion.

Trusting in thy goodness, my loving Saviour, I have approached thy great supper;—that supper to which I was in no ways entitled, but to which thy kindness and mercy invited me. Although unworthy, I have ventured to receive thy body and blood; for thou didst say, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, you shall have

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no life in you." Remember not, therefore, oh Jesus! the iniquities with which I have so often stained myself; nor the negligences which I have committed in this reception of thy most sacred body. Alas! ought I not more diligently to have endeavoured to purify my conscience? Ought not my sorrow to have been deeper for the many sins which I have committed? Ought not my devotion to have been greater when I approached this sacrament of thy love? Ought I not to have spent a longer while in preparing myself or in returning thee thanks for thy great goodness?

But if thou, oh Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord who shall endure it? I will confess my injustice before thee, that thou mayest pardon, as I hope, my impiety. Great is the trust of the sinner to whom is known the mercy of the Redeemer. Pardon, dear Jesus! pardon whatever I have done amiss in this reception of thy holy sacrament, and may thy mercy and thy infinite merits supply for all my defects. Amen.

Second Petition.—That henceforth no sin may ever separate us from the Lord.

Oh Jesus! I wish that I could be so closely bound to thee that nothing in eternity should have power again to lead me astray. But alas! there is no good in me, and I cannot do anything of myself. I have the will, in truth, to do right; but the power and the strength often fail me: the good which I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do. Wherefore, to thee, Jesus, I fly; to thee who seest my failings, and in whom is all my trust. Thou art the lea-

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der of my soul: oh direct me in thy sight, and guide me in thy justice. I can do nought without thee; but with thee to strengthen me, in what can I fail? Help me, therefore, my Saviour; and of all sins to which my depraved and weak inclinations most tend, preserve me most particularly from.....And of all virtues to which I too slowly aspire, grant, oh grant me, most especially, the virtue of.....Let thy helping hand assist me, oh Jesus, and I will ever proclaim thy praises. Let thy right hand uphold me, and I will ever fearlessly cry out "who separate me from the love of Christ?"

Third Petition.—That others may benefit by this Sacrament.

Oh Jesus, our great mediator with God the Father, who art the propitiation for our sins and for those of the whole world, who hast given thy flesh for the life of the world, and who desirest that all men should be saved, grant, oh grant, I pray thee, that all my relations, friends, and enemies, may partake of the virtues of this Sacrament now and at the hour of their death. Lead them, with me, into eternal glory; give us the grace of true penance, and implant in our souls the love of virtue; that we may all meet at length in the mansions of thy Father and in everlasting happiness.

Blessed are are those who dwell in the house of the Lord: they shall praise thee for ever and ever.

To thee, my dear Jesus! to thee I commend myself. Receive me, I beseech thee; nor permit me ever to be separated from thee. Be thou

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my comfort in life; my viaticum, my hope in death; my reward in eternity. By thy torments, and thy death, and by this sacrament of thy love, I beseech thee to grant my prayers.

Bless me, oh Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Ghost; and grant me the grace of ever fulfilling, in life and at the hour of my death, thy most holy will. Amen.

N.B.—Upon the day of your communion you ought to be more than ordinarily retired; to perform more devotions than usual; and to keep yourself, as much as possible, in spirit, in the society of Jesus.

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PRAYERS FOR OBTAINING INDULGENCES.

That is, the remission of the temporal punishment still due for sins of which the guilt and eternal punishment has been set aside by the sacrament of penance.

Preparatory Prayer.

Omnipotent and everlasting God! by whose mercy I believe myself to have been absolved from all my sins and from the eternal punishment due to them from thy justice, although I be still liable to temporal sufferings on their account; as my own works cannot avail to blot out my debt, permit me, great God, to have recourse to the inexhaustible merits of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; that the treasures of his mercy may supply for my weakness and poverty. I offer myself ready to fulfil whatever may lead to so blessed an end. Receive my endeavours, oh Father of mercies; receive them in union with the passion and death of thy Son; and enable me to partake of the full and complete indulgence which is now held out to me by that church to which thou hast said, "Whatever you shall bind on earth it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatever you shall loose on earth it shall be loosened also in heaven. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

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Prayer to God the Father for the Exaltation of his Church.

Remember, oh eternal Father, remember the congregation which thou hast possessed from the beginning. Look down upon thy Church as the spouse of thy only Son, for which he shed his blood; and so raise it by sanctity, by heavenly graces, and by extent, that it may be worthy of its spouse and of the great price which he paid for it. Look down also in kindness upon the children of this our holy mother, and unite to them all nations and all people; that all may acknowledge thee, God the Father, and Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, with a lively faith; may call upon thee with a firm hope; and may adhere to thee in perfect charity. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

V. See, oh Lord, and visit thy vineyard.

R. And protect that which thou hast planted with thy right hand.

Let us Pray.

Protect, oh Lord, we beseech thee, this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not hesitate to be betrayed by the hands of wicked men, and to undergo the torments of the cross; who liveth and reigneth with thee, &c.

Prayer to God the Son for the Extirpation of Heresy.

Oh Jesus, the true light which enlighteneth every man coming into this world, grant, I beseech thee, by the merits of thy passion and death, that all errors and heresies may be driven

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back into darkness; that all mankind may behold the light of thy truth, and may hasten into the bosom of thy holy Church. Oh good Shepherd, who hast given thy life for thy sheep, protect thy flock, and defend it from the strength and the snares of those who come upon it in the clothing of lambs but are, in reality, ravenous wolves. Grant that all may follow one shepherd and that all may form only one flock. Stay with us, oh Lord, according to thy promise—"Behold I am with you all days, even until the consummation of the world." Shew that thy church is built upon a rock, and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

V. Give not up to the foe those who trust in thee.

R. And forget not the souls of thy poor ones for ever.

Let us Pray.

Being appeased, oh Lord, we beseech thee hearken to our prayers; that, all adversities and errors being removed, thy church may serve thee with safety and freedom, Through &c.

Prayer to the Holy Ghost for concord amongst Christian Princes.

Oh Holy Spirit, Spirit of love and of peace! who hast assembled so many and such different nations in the unity of the faith, give to all christian princes and to their counsels thy plentiful grace and fill their hearts with the new commandment of love which, when leaving this world, thou didst impart unto thy disciples; that

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by it, all may know them to belong to the number of thy elect, and to be worthy of the name of christians. Grant that they may never be led to attempt anything contrary to thy divine glory and the peace of thy Church. But rather let them endeavour with united strength to win the kingdom of everlasting peace, and to lead on, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the people whom thou hast subjected to their sway. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

V. Let peace be in thy strength.

R. And abundance in thy towers.

Let us Pray.

Oh God, from whom proceed all holy desires, right counsels, and just works, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be obedient to thy orders; and that, all fears of enemies being unknown, our lives may be spent in peace under thy protection. Through, &c.

An Offering to the Holy Trinity of the foregoing endeavours to gain the Indulgence.

I have now, oh Holy Trinity, endeavoured to fulfil whatever was appointed to obtain this indulgence. Oh let thy goodness make amends for the slightness of my attempts; let thy goodness ratify the hope that my prayers have been available to the end for which they were offered. Receive, oh Holy Trinity, my endeavours, such as they were, and let the passion and death of

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our Lord Jesus Christ supply for all my defects; and permit me (or N. N. for whose soul I have desired this indulgence) to partake of the plenary pardon for which I have prayed. And for this benefit may heaven and earth join me in declaring thy praises now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

Conclude with the hymn of St. Ambrose and Augustine, TE DEUM, page 124.

A PARENT'S PRAYER.

Grant, oh God, that the life of the children whom thou hast given to us may be a blessing to themselves, a blessing to us, and may be worthy of being blessed by Thee: or may they be deprived of it this day in thy mercy rather than that a longer existence should prevent their everlasting salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THE VESPERS.

Or, Even-song for Sundays, according to the Roman Breviary.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.
R. As it was in the beginning, &c. Alleluia.
Anthem. The Lord said.

Psalm cix. *Dixit Dominus.*

1 *The kingdom,* 5 *the priesthood,* 6 *the conquest,* 8 *and the passion of Christ.*

1. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand.
2 Until I make thy enemies thy footstool.
3 The Lord will send forth the sceptre of thy power out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
4 With thee is the principality in the day of thy strength, in the brightness of the saints, from the womb, before the day-star I begot thee.
5 The Lord hath sworn and he will not repent: thou art a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchisedech.
6 The Lord at thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.
7 He shall judge among nations, he shall fill

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ruins; he shall crush the heads in the land of many.

8 He shall drink of the torrent in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head. Glory, &c.

Anthem. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand.

Anthem. Faithful.

Psalm cx. Confitebor tibi.

1 *God to be praised for his glorious,* 4 *and gracious works.*

1 I Will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the Lord, sought out according to all his wills.

3 His work is praise and magnificence, and his justice continueth for ever and ever.

4 He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: he hath given food to them that fear him.

5 He will be mindful for ever of his covenant; he will shew forth to his people the power of his works.

6 That he may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles; the works of his hands are truth and judgment.

7 All his commandments are faithful, confirmed for ever and ever; made in truth and equity.

8 He hath sent redemption to his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever.

9 Holy and terrible is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

10 A good understanding have all that feel it:

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his praise continueth for ever and ever. Glory, &c.

Anthem. Faithful are all his commandments, confirmed for ever and ever. *Anth.* In his commandments.

Psalm cxi. *Beatus vir.*

1 *Reward of virtue in this life,* 4 *and in the life to come,* 9 *the happiness of the righteous and affliction to the wicked.*

1 Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

3 Glory and wealth shall be in his house; and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

4 To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness. He is merciful and compassionate, and just.

5 Acceptible is the man that sheweth mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment, because he shall not be moved for ever.

6 The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

7 His heart is ready to hope in the Lord; his heart is strengthened; he shall not be moved until he look over his enemies.

8 He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

9 The wicked shall see, and shall be angry: he shall gnash with his teeth, and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish. Glory, &c.

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Anthem. In his commandments he delights exceedingly.

Anth. Let the name of the Lord.

Psalm cxii. *Laudate pueri.*

1 *God to be incessantly praised,* 4 *for his excellency,* 6 *for his mercy.*

1 Praise the Lord, ye children : praise ye the name of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and for ever.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

4 The Lord is high above all nations; and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, and looketh down on the low things in heaven and on earth?

6 Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill.

7 That he may place him with princes, with the princes of his people.

8 Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, a joyful mother of children. Glory, &c.

Anthem. Let the name of the Lord be blessed for ever.

Anth. We that live.

Psalm cxiii. *In exitu Israel.*

1 *Miraculous works declaring the divine power,* 9 *God truly glorious,* 12 *the vanity of idols,* 17 *confidence in God,* 21 *his blessings on those that fear him.*

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1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob, from a barbarous people.

2 Judea was made his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw and fled; Jordan was turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like the lambs of the flock.

5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou didst flee? and thou, O Jordan, that thou wast turned back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, and ye hills like the lambs of the flock?

7 At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved; at the presence of the God of Jacob.

8 Who turned the rocks into pools of waters, and the stony hills into fountains of waters.

9 Not to us, O Lord, not to us! but to thy name give glory.

10 For thy mercy and for thy truth's sake, lest the Gentiles should say: Where is their God?

11 But our God is in heaven; he hath done all things whatsoever he would.

12 The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold; the work of the hands of men.

13 They have mouths, and speak not; they have eyes, and see not.

14 They have ears, and hear not; they have noses, and smell not.

15 They have hands, and feel not; they have feet, and walk not; neither shall they cry out through their throats.

16 Let them that make them become like unto them, and all such as trust in them.

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17 The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord; he is their helper and their protector.

18 The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and their protector.

19 They that fear the Lord, have hoped in the Lord; he is their helper and their protector.

20 The Lord hath been mindful of us; and hath blessed us.

21 He hath blessed the house of Israel; he hath blessed the house of Aaron.

22 He hath blessed all that fear the Lord, both little and great.

23 May the Lord add blessings upon you; upon you, and upon your children.

24 Blessed be you of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

25 The heaven of heavens is the Lords; but the earth he hath given to the children of men.

26 The dead shall not praise thee, O Lord, nor any of them that go down to hell.

27 But we that live bless the Lord, from this time, now and for ever. Glory, &c.

Anthem. We that live do bless the Lord.

Instead of the foregoing, the following is occasionally said.

Psalm cxvi. *Laudate.*

Praise the Lord all ye nations: and praise him all ye people.

Because his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever. Glory, &c.

The little Chapter, 2 Cor. 1.

Blessed be God, and the Father of our Lord

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Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations.

Answ. Thanks be to God.

Hymn, Lucis Creator Optime.

1.

Maker of light! most holy king
Who dost returning day-light bring,
Thou who at first didst form the light
Ere rose the world in freshness dight,

2.

Who didst the morn and evening blend
And call it day,—great God, attend
And grant our prayers, ere night enfold
Creation as it did of old.

3.

Oh! let no slumb'ring mortal die
While sin upon his conscience lie,
While heedless of eternal years,
Vain sin allures and folly cheers.

4.

No; let him seek the gates of heaven,
And may the living prize be given:
Let him avoid all deed of blame
And here blot out whate'er might shame.

5.

Be not our prayers, kind Lord, in vain!
And thou, the Son, who e'er dost reign
With the great Spirit pure ador'd,
Hear, grant our prayer—oh grant it, Lord!

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V. May my prayer, O Lord, be directed.
R. As incense in thy sight.

The anthem for the Magnificat is different every Sunday.

The Magnificat, or the Canticle of the blessed Virgin, St. Luke i.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done great things for me. And holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation, to them that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel his servant; being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers; to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. Glory, &c.

The prayer is the collect for the day; which is different every Sunday. You may say this that follows:

LET US PRAY.

Look down, we beseech thee, O Lord, upon

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this thy family; for which our Lord Jesus Christ was pleased to be delivered into the hands of sinners, and to undergo the torments of the cross. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

A COMMEMORATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Anthem. O holy Mary succour the miserable, help the faint-hearted, comfort the afflicted; pray for the people, intercede for the clergy, make supplication for the devout female sex: let all be sensible of thy help, who celebrate thy holy commemoration.

V. Pray for us O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the blessed Mary, ever virgin, may be delivered from present sorrows, and come to eternal joys, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL.

Anthem. The apostle Peter, and Paul the doctor of the Gentiles, were they that taught us thy law, O Lord.

V. Thou shalt establish them rulers over the whole earth. R. They shall be mindful of thy name, O Lord.

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Let us Pray.

O God, whose right hand raised up St. Peter walking on the waters, that he might not be drowned; and delivered his fellow apostle, Paul, from the depths of the sea, when he was thrice shipwrecked; mercifully hear us, and grant that by the merits of them both we may obtain the glory of eternity.

Here is made a commemoration also of the patron of the place, or titular saint of the Church; with a proper anthem and prayer out of the office of the saint.

For Peace.

Anthem. Give peace, O Lord, in our days; for there is no other to fight for us but thou, our God.

V. Let peace be made in thy strength.

R. And plenty in thy towers.

Let us Pray.

O God, from whom are holy desires, right counsels, and just works; give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be addicted to thy commandments: and, the fear of enemies being taken away, the times may be quiet under thy protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit. V. Let us bless the Lord. R. Thanks be to God. V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. R. Amen. Our Father, &c,

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THE COMPLIN.

The Lector begins by asking the Officiants benediction, which is given in these words.

THE BLESSING. May the Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and a perfect end. Amen.

The short lesson, 1 Pet. v. 8.

Brethren, be ye sober, and watch; for your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion, goes round about, seeking whom he may devour; whom resist ye strong in faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us.
R. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord. R. Who made heaven and earth. Our Father, &c. I confess, &c.

V. Convert us, O Lord, our Saviour. R. And turn away thy wrath from us. V. Incline unto my aid, O God. R. O Lord, make hast to help me. Glory be to the father, &c. As it was in the beginning, &c.

Anthem. Have mercy.

Psalm iv. *Cum invocarem.*

1 *David implores the divine succour.* 3 *The folly of worldlings.* 6 *God alone our hope,* 7 *light and comfort.*

1 When I called upon him, the God of my justice heard me: When I was in distress, thou hast enlarged me.

2 Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

3 O ye sons of men, how long will you be

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dull of heart? Why do you love vanity, and seek after a lie?

4 Know ye also that the Lord hath made his Holy One wonderful; the Lord will hear me when I shall cry unto him.

5 Be ye angry, and sin not; the things you say in your hearts, be sorry for them upon your beds.

6 Offer up the sacrifice of justice, and trust in the Lord: many say, Who sheweth us good things?

7 The light of thy countenance, O Lord is signed upon us; thou hast given gladness in my heart.

8 By the fruit of their corn, their wine and oil, they are multiplied.

9 In peace in the self-same, I will sleep and I will rest.

10 For thou, O Lord, singularly hast settled me in hope. Glory, &c.

Psalm xxx. *In te Domine.*

1 *David, expressing his confidence in God;* 2 *craveth his help;* 4 *through the glory of his name and attributes* 5 *in extreme distress.*

1 In thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in thy justice.

2 Bow down thy ear to me, make haste to deliver me.

3 Be thou unto me a God, a Protector; and a house of refuge, to save me.

4 For thou art my strength and my refuge: and for thy name's sake thou wilt lead me and nourish me.

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5 Thou wilt bring me out of this snare, which they have hid for me, for thou art my Protector.
6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, the God of truth. Glory, &c.

Psalm xc. *Qui habitat.*

1 *The state of righteousness,* 3 *their safety,* 9 *their habitation,* 11 *their protector,* 16 *their recompence.*

1 He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.
2 He shall say to the Lord, Thou art my Protector and my refuge; my God, in him will I trust.
3 For he hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters, and from the sharp sword.
4 He will overshadow thee with his shoulders, and under his wings thou shalt trust.
5 His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night.
6 Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business that walketh about in the dark; of invasion, or of the noon-day devil.
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but the evil shall not come nigh thee.
8 But thou shalt consider with thy eyes, and shalt see the reward of the wicked.
9 Because thou, O Lord, art my hope; thou hast made the most high thy refuge.

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10 There shall no evil come to thee; nor shall the scourge come near thy dwelling.

11 For he hath given his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 In their hands they shall bear thee up; lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk; thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon.

14 Because he hath hoped in me, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall cry to me, and I will hear him; I am with him in his trouble; I will deliver him, and I will glorify him.

16 I will fill him with length of days: and I will shew him my salvation. Glory, &c.

Psalm cxxxiii. *Ecce nunc benedicite.*

An exhortation to bless the Creator.

1 Behold, now bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

2 Who stand in the house of the Lord; in the courts of the house of our God.

3 In the nights lift up your hands to the holy places, and bless ye the Lord.

4 May the Lord out of Sion bless thee, he that made heaven and earth. Glory, &c.

Anthem. Have mercy on me, O Lord, and hear my prayer.

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HYMN, TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM.

1.

Maker of all! to thee we pray
Ere darkness close the waning day;
We pray thy mercy, kindness, might,
For help and safety through the night.

2.

Our hours of rest from dreams be free,
And every wayward phantasy.
Restrain our foe; nor suffer sin
To stain our body slumbering.

3.

Kind Father hear our prayer, and Thou,
His equal, hear it and bestow.
And thou, the Holy Ghost, shed down
Like grace from God the eternal One.

The little chapter. Jer. xiv.

But thou, O Lord, art among us; and thy holy name is invoked upon us; forsake us not, O Lord our God. R. Thanks be to God.

Resp. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Into thy hands, O Lord, &c.

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, God of truth. R. I commend my spirit. V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. R. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of thy eye. R. Protect us under the shadow of thy wings. Anth. Save us.

Nunc dimittis St. Luke i. *The song of* Simeon, *who praises God for the happiness of beholding the so much longed for Messiah.*

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Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace.

Because my eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people *Israel.*

Glory be, &c.

Anthem. Save us, O Lord, waking, and keep us sleeping, that we may watch with *Christ*, and rest in peace.

Lord have mercy on us. *Christ have mercy on us.* Lord have mercy on us. Our Father, &c. V. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil. I believe in God, &c. V. The resurrection of the body R. And life everlasting. Amen. V. Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers. R. And worthy of praise, and glorious for ever. V. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost. R. Let us praise and magnify him for ever. V. Thou art blessed, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven. R. And worthy of praise, and glorious, and magnified for ever. V. May the almighty and merciful Lord bless us and keep us. R. Amen. V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night. R. To keep us without sin. V. Have mercy on us O Lord. R. Have mercy on us. V. Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord. R. As we have put our trust in thee. V. O Lord, hear my prayer. R. And let my cry come unto thee. V. The Lord be with you. ℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habita-

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tion, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy: let thy holy angels dwell herein, to keep us in peace: and let thy blessing be upon us for ever, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit. V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

May the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Then is sung one of the following ANTHEMS, *corresponding with the period of the year.*

ALMA REDEMPTORIS FROM FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT TILL THE PURIFICATION.

Mother of our Saviour! thou whose prayers may open heaven!
Port of Safety! Guiding Star! oh be thy succour given;
Raising up repentant hearts which groan their vices under.
Thou who didst thy maker bear, while nature gazed in wonder,
Virgin pure before and after Gabriel did hail thee,
Take a sinner's homage; list the prayers that now assail thee.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

LET US PRAY.

Pour thy grace into our souls we beseech thee

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oh Lord; that we who have known the incarnation of Christ thy Son by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through, &c.

Ave Regina Cœlorum, from the Purification till Maundy Thursday.

Hail thou mighty Queen of heaven!
Hail thou Queen to angels given!
Hail thou teeming root! thou portal
Whence uprose bright hopes immortal.
Blessed Maid! may joy surround thee.
Grace and glory long have crown'd thee.
Brightest—brightest Maid, we greet thee!
Pray Christ hear us, we entreat thee!

V. Vouchsafe, oh sacred Virgin, to accept my praises.

R. Give me strength against thy enemies.

Let us Pray.

Grant us, oh merciful God, strength against our enemies; that we who celebrate the memory of the holy Mother of God, may be enabled to rise again from our iniquities. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Regina Cœli, from Holy Saturday till Trinity Eve.

Great Queen of heaven, joy, and gladness. Alle.
He whom thou didst bear with sadness. Alleluja.
Hath risen, as he said, to heaven. Alleluja.
Thy prayers for us to God be given. Alleluja.

V. Rejoice and be glad, oh Virgin Mary. Alleluja.

R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluja.

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Let us Pray.

Oh God who hast designed, by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech thee, that, through the V. M. his Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life.

Salve Regina, from Trinity Eve till Advent.

Hail Queen, we hail thee!
Let not mercy fail thee.
Life and hope and gladness! our prayers shall assail thee.
From thee, Eve's exiled children, comfort we borrow.
To thee, are we sighing
And groaning and crying
In this lowly vale of sorrow.
Turn then, thou our advocate, those pitying eyes upon us,
And let thy cheering glances beam their solace on us.
And after this our exile, let us see for ever
Christ thy blessed Son, and part from him never.
Oh clement,
Oh pious,
Oh blessed Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, oh holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

Almighty and eternal God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the

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body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for thy Son; grant that, as we celebrate her memory with joy, so, by her pious intercession, we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death. Through, &c. Amen.

N. May the divine assistance remain always with us. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe in God, in secret.

HYMNS SUNG AT VESPERS ACCORDING TO THE FESTIVAL.

CREATOR ALME SIDERUM, FOR ADVENT.

1.

Oh bright Creator of the skies—
  Thyself the truest light of all—
  Saviour from Satan's blasting thrall,
Receive our vows and suppliant cries!

2.

Thou who by kindest impulse swayed,
  Didst come to heal our every woe
  And the fell tempter's art o'erthrow
Ere all should be to hell betrayed;

3.

Who from a virgin temple sprung
  The sins of all the world to bear,
  And then for crimes thou couldst not share,
Wast on the cross a victim hung;—

4.

Great, glorious Lord! we pray to thee
  Whose very name hath such command,
  Nor heaven nor hell its power withstand,
But trembling all must bend the knee.

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5.

To thee, tremendous judge! we bow;
Last dreadful judge! we crave thine aid.
Be every wily foe dismayed.
Thy saving grace from heaven bestow.

6.

May willing honour, glory, praise
Be to the Father given and Son
And to the Holy Ghost whose throne
United stands for endless days.

JESU DULCIS MEMORIA, FOR II. SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

1.

The thought of Jesus must impart
True joy to every loving heart:
But oh, than honey far more sweet
Our Saviour face to face to meet!

2.

No song can be so sweet to hear,
No sound so well the heart can cheer,
The mind no thought so glad can frame
As Jesus Christ's most holy name.

3.

Oh Jesus! kind to sinners fears,
And kind to anxious suppliant prayers,
To those who seek for thee how kind!—
What then art thou to those who find?

4.

No tongue can make the hearer guess,
Nor writing say how thou dost bless:

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Those only who have tried can tell
What 'tis to love their Jesus well.

5.

Jesus, our only bliss be thou,
Who wilt all future joy bestow!
Oh let our love and glory be
For endless ages drawn from thee.

6.

Jesus, in whom each heart delights—
The living fountain—light of lights—
Exceeding every dearest bliss,
And every dream of happiness;

7.

Jesus our king, admired, rever'd,
The conqueror of all that's fear'd—
True sweetness all—who dost impart
Far more than asks the trembling heart;

8.

Oh stay with us! dear Jesus, stay!
Illume us with thy saving ray.
All darkness from our minds remove,
And fill the world with light and love.

AUDI BENIGNE CONDITOR, FOR LENT.

1.

Benign Creator! kindly hear
  The prayers and sighs in sorrow blent,
Which to thy pitying throne we bear
  In this most holy fast of Lent.

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2.

Oh thou who searchest every heart,
And knowest man's infirmity;
Peace and forgiveness now impart,
And may thy grace our wants supply.

3.

Much have we sinned—our ways we blame,
We own, confess our faults to heaven;
Oh, for the glory of thy name,
Kind Jesus, be those faults forgiven!

4.

Oh grant that we may now restrain,
By abstinence our stubborn will:
That vicious strength may not remain
To urge our wayward hearts to ill.

5.

Oh grant most holy Trinity
This fast may every sin efface;
And may our tears productive be,
Of blest increase of hope and grace.

VEXILLA REGIS, FOR PASSION AND PALM SUNDAY.

1.

See, see the royal banners fly!
Now beams the cross's mystery.
For life was still within the tomb
When death by life was overcome.

2.

Where smote the spear with direst blow,
Thence blood and water did o'erflow:

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These all our guilty stains efface
And wash our souls with saving grace.

3.

This, this the mystery foretold
By David's faithful song of old:
He said to all, in mystic strain,
"From off a tree the God will reign."

4.

Oh beaming tree! thy branches fair
The royal purple colours wear.
Well chosen from an honoured sort,
Those sacred members to support.

5.

Oh blessed tree! whose arms can show
The ransom of a world from woe!—
His limbs the only weight could tell
What price could ransom man from hell.

6.

Hail cross! our only hope sublime
To cheer this penitential time—
On the finding of the cross is said
Who cheerest this high paschal time—
On the exaltation of the cross is said
Whose triumph cheers this glorious time—
Let grace renewed the just repay,
And wash the sinners guilt away.

7.

Hail holy Trinity, whose praise
Still bids us every song upraise,
Let those who now in patience bear
The cross on earth, thy guerdon share.

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O FILII ET FILIÆ, FOR EASTER SUNDAY.

1 Young men and maids rejoice and sing!
The king of heaven, the glorious king
This day from death rose triumphing. Alleluja
2 On Sunday morn by break of day,
Swift to the tomb wherein he lay
His dear disciples sped away. Alleluja.
3 And Mary Magdalen she sped,
And James's eager mother led
With Salome's to embalm the dead. Alleluja.
4 An angel rob'd in white they see,
Who saith to them all soothingly,
"The Lord is gone to Galilee." Alleluja.
5 And then the dear apostle John
First to the monument came on,
For Peter he had soon outrun. Alleluja.
6 When the disciples met dismayed,
Christ stood among them as they pray'd;
And "Peace be to you all," he said. Alleluja.
7 When Didymus had heard them tell
How Christ was risen, and what befel,
He doubted all the miracle. Alleluja.
8 "Oh see my hands and feet," He cried;
"And lay thy hand upon my side
And doubt not me whate'er betide." Alleluja.
9 When Thomas thus had all explor'd
The feet, the side, the hands ador'd,
He answering said, "My God and Lord." Alle.
10 Aye Thomas, but more blest is he
Who sees not, yet who trusts in me:
Eternal life his lot shall be. Alleluja.
11 Then joy we on these festive days!
And grateful hearts to God upraise
With blessings, jubilee, and praise. Alleluja.

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12 Let us to God our thanks renew;—
That homage fervent, humble, true,
For all his gracious mercies due. Alleluja.

AD REGIAS AGNI DAPES, FOR EASTER.

1.

The red sea now is past, and now
Around the Lamb's great feast we bow;
Now clothed in white and purified,
We praise our King—the Christ who died.

2.

So great his love, that, for our good,
He bids us drink his sacred blood.
And gives us in the mystic feast
Himself—the sacrifice and priest.

3.

Blood sprinkled on the posts of yore
Scared death's sad angel from the door;
The sea was parted too, and gave
To the pursuing foe a grave;

4.

But Christ is now the pasch by whom
We triumph o'er impending doom.
Sincere and pure, we now are fed
By Christ, the pure prefigured bread.

5.

Hail truest victim, truly given;
By whom the thrall of hell is riven;
Who makest death itself as nought—
By whom the joys of life are bought!

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6.

Hell now is vanquished; Christ displays
To the wide world his trophies! gaze
On heaven laid open! while the foe,
The prince of death, is driven below.

7.

Jesus be thou our paschal joy!
Be thoughts of thee our sole employ!
From deadly sin, we pray thee, free
Those born again to life by thee.

8.

To God the Father loudly sing,
And Jesus who rose triumphing,
And to the Holy Ghost upraise
For ever more melodious praise.

SALUTIS HUMANE SATOR, FOR ASCENSION.

1.

Oh thou from whom salvation flows,
Dear Jesus! joy of ev'ry breast;
Redeeming all this world of woes—
Pure light, by all beholders blest:—

2.

Whence came this wondrous act of grace
That thou shouldst bear the crimes of all?
That thou to save a sinful race,
Sinless shouldst own death's bitter thrall?

3.

Hell's chaos now is rent in twain;
And captive chains are burst by thee.

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Triumphant Victor! rise and reign,
At God's right hand eternally.

4.

But let thy pity still look down
And heal our every care and woe:
Still let thy saving help be shown
To bless and cheer us here below.

5.

Oh, lead us Thou to heavens above.
Be thou our only aim and goal.
Oh, let our tears be tears of love
Till thou, dear Saviour! crown the whole.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS: FOR WHIT SUNDAY.

1.

Creating Spirit, come! controul
And visit every willing soul.
To all, by Thee created, bring,
Dear Lord, each good and perfect thing.

2.

Thee Lord, our Comforter, we call;
The gift of God—best gift of all;
The living fount, fire, charity
The spirits' balm: all dwells in thee.

3.

Thine are the seven best gifts of grace.
In thee, the Father's hand we trace.
Promis'd of old, 'tis thou dost teach
All things and every form of speech.

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4.

With thy pure light, fire every sense;
Thy love through every heart dispense;
Our weak infirmities improve,
With strength and virtue from above.

5.

Drive every foe far, far away.
Near us, may peace for ever stay.
Be thou our teacher, light, and guide,
That every ill we may avoid.

6.

Let us the Father know by thee:
By thee, the Son, our Saviour, see.
And still hold fast our saving creed
In Thee who dost from both proceed.

7.

May praise to God the Father swell
And to the Son who rose from hell.
The same we'll pay to thee, dear Lord—
Our holy Paraclete ador'd.

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS, FOR WHIT SUNDAY.

1.

Come Holy Ghost: to us send down,
Refulgent from thy heavenly throne,
  Thy guiding influence, pure and bright:
Thou poor man's father, hear our call;
Come thou who givest good to all;
  Come thou the soul's best joy and light!

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2.

Come thou of comforters the best,
The pious happy spirit's guest,
  Refreshment and sole strength in fears.
Mid every toil thou givest rest;
Sweet calm to man's o'erheated breast;
  True comfort in his doubts and tears.

3.

Oh blessed light! to thee we pray;
Pour gently down thy saving ray
  On all who firmly trust in thee.
Without thy grace, can man attain
No single good: he strives in vain:—
  He cannot even harmless be.

4.

Wash every stain sin leaves behind;
Rain dew upon the arid mind;
  The spirit's wounds and bruises heal.
Make stubborn reason humbly bow;
Illume it with a heavenly glow;
  To thee make doubt obedient kneel.

5.

Grant to thy faithful, dearest Lord!
Whose only trust is thy sure word
  Thy sevenfold gifts of grace and love;
Grant patience, peace, forbearance mild,
Meek charity, joy undefiled,
  Hope here, and lasting bliss above.

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JAM SOL RECEDIT, FOR TRINITY SUNDAY.

1.

Now lowly sinks the fiery Sun.
But Thou, eternal light—thou One
United Trinity, impart
Thy light of love to every heart.

2.

To thee, at morn, our songs shall swell;
At eve, our hearts on thee shall dwell.
And may our praise hereafter rise
And blend with heaven's own symphonies.

3.

To God the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
May holiest praises still ascend
Through coming years and never end.

PANGE LINGUA, FOR CORPUS CHRISTI.

1.

Loudly sing my tongue! proclaiming
  All the mystery of faith.
His body and his blood adoring,
  Born a virgin womb beneath,
Which the King of all surrendered
  To redeem a world from death.

2.

Born for us, for us descending
  'Neath a purest virgin zone—
In the world he dwelt, and taught us
  Till the seeds of truth were sown.

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Then his parting love and blessing
Was in wondrous manner shown.

3.

When for the last time reclining
Round the board that awful night,
When the legal pasch was eaten,
When fulfilled was ev'ry rite—
Then to his wond'ring twelve disciples,
He gave himself with heavenly might.

4.

The Word made flesh for man's redemption,
Made, by a word, true flesh of bread:
And wine became the blood of Jesus:—
Sense would not be captive led:
But truthful hearts vain reason master—
Faith believes whate'er He said.

5.

Mighty Sacrament! adore it,
Praise it all on bended knee!
Ancient rites give way before it*—
Worlds in this new faith agree.
What though human sense deplore it?
Faith will solve the mystery.

6.

Praise be to the Father given;
Praise—but praise him not alone.
Greeting, honour, triumph, even
Thanks and blessings to the Son.
To whom proceeds from both in heaven
Be an equal homage done.

* So ancient is this hymn, that Pagan rites are here alluded to.

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Ave Maris Stella, to the Virgin Mary.

1.

Hail Sea-star! we bless thee
God's Mother confess thee.
Virgin pure, immortal;
Heaven's happy portal.

2.

Sin by woman enter'd—
Hope in thee was center'd.
Woman now has freed us;
Give us peace and heed us.

3.

Sin repentant whiten;
Murky hearts enlighten;
Far be evil driven;
Every good be given.

4.

Oh wouldst thou protect us
Christ would not reject us.
He the Son who chose thee,
He would not oppose thee.

5.

Virgin strange and holy,
Meek, and pure, and lowly;
Oh may we inherit
Thy chaste humble spirit!

6.

May our lives be quiet,
Far from sin and riot;

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Praise to Christ upsending
With thy praises blending.

7.

Father, God, we bless thee ;
Jesus, we confess thee;
Equal praise be given
The Holy Ghost in heaven.

Exultet Orbis, on Festivals of Apostles.

1.

Exult thou world, exult with praise !
  Ye heavens ring back the songs we raise !
Join now ye earth, skies, stars, and all
  To greet the Apostle's festival.

2.

Ye judges of the world, ye lights
  To guide mankind its heavenward way—
High plac'd on hills and beacon heights—
  Oh list the vows thy suppliants pay.

3.

Ye who can ope the gates of heaven,
  Or firmly close them with a word—
Oh may your favouring help be given
  To lead us upwards to the Lord.

4.

Health, langour, ailings, all obey
  Your summons still, as once on earth ;
Oh heal our fainting minds, we pray—
  Encrease our strength, give sterling worth.

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5.

That when this fleeting world is o'er,
And Christ, the judge, shall all survey;
We then may stand with hope before
His throne and tend his joyous way.

6.

To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
Be endless glory, as before
Time was, and will be ever more.

Deus Tuorum, on Common of Martyrs.

1.

Oh God, the lot, the crown, the gain
Of soldiers in thy service slain,
While thus we sing thy Martyr's praise
Make us forsake our sinful ways.

2.

This saint esteeming worldly joys
As pleasing cheats, deceitful toys,
Shunning their false and fleeting lure,
Won heavenly joys that still endure.

3.

He bravely ran his painful race
And looked his torments in the face,
And shedding forth his blood for thee
Now lives to all eternity.

4.

To thee, most gracious Lord, we fly
Beseeching thee, with humble cry,
That all may be absolved from sin
While for this Martyr triumphing.

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5.

To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
Be equal glory, equal praise
For an eternal length of days. Amen.

Iste Confessor, on Com. of Confessors and Bishops.

1.

This great confessor, God's most worthy servant,
Whom pious nations o'er the earth are praising,*
This day rejoicing rose to heaven and conquer'd
Blisses eternal.
If it be not the day of his death say from *
This day rejoicing well deserved to conquer
High praise and honour.

2.

Him pious, prudent, humble, modest manners
Ever attended—ever marked for heaven:
So long as life was his—that life so truly
By him unvalu'd.

3.

So great his merits, heaven oft suspended
Nature's fixed courses: sickness and diseases,
Weakness, and death itself, when he commanded,
Vanquish'd obeyed him.

4.

Therefore with choral hymns we now revere him,
Singing his merits, solemn songs upraising,
That by his prayers we may be truly succour'd
Now and for ever.

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5.

Praise be to Him, great honour, might and glory,
Him who enthron'd in heaven sheds forth his splendour,
Ruling the world and all its chances swaying,
Three, but One only.

JESU CORONA VIRGINUM, ON COM. OF VIRGINS.

1.

Jesus receive our suppliant cry,
Thou crown of pure virginity :—
Son of a virgin who alone
Bore child nor lost her virgin zone.

2.

Lilies bedeck thy radient way,
For choirs of virgins round thee stray ;—
Thou glorious bridegroom who dost bless
Thy brides with endless happiness.

3.

Which way soe'er thy courses tend
Virgins pursue and praise upsend.
Still speeding after thee, they raise
Sweet hymns of triumph, joy, and praise.

4.

Humbly we beg thee that our sense
May feel thy gracious influence.
Each noxious wish do thou controul
Which poisons and defiles the soul.

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5.

To God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
Be honour, glory, might, and praise,
For an eternal length of days.

Fortem Virilis Pectore, Com. of Holy Women.

1.

Let's praise this woman who, endued
With more than woman's fortitude,
Exalts her sanctity and name
In every place with glorious fame.

2.

Such holy love inflam'd her heart
That she abhorred the noxious art
Of worldly love; and bravely trod
The narrow way that leads to God.

3.

Spare fasts did every sense control,
With prayer she sweetly fed her soul,
Thus rose she lightly to the sky,
Prepared to joy eternally.

4.

Great source of courage, Christ our king!
From whom alone can greatness spring,
By her we pray thee: list our prayer;
Let us her worthier merits share.

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5.

To God the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,
Be endless glory ; as before
Time was, is, shall be evermore.

JESU REDEMPTOR OMNIUM, FOR CHRISTMAS.

1.

Jesus the ransomer of man,
Who, ere created light began,
Didst from the sovereign Father spring,
His might and glory equalling ;

2.

Thou brightness of the Father's rays,
The hope and end of all our days,
Oh kindly to the prayers attend
Which round the world to thee ascend.

3.

Think, thou who didst all nature make,
That thou thyself erewhile didst take
The form of man from virgin's womb,
To avert from man his hopeless doom.

4.

This day recalls the deed of grace.
Years fleet : but still we love to trace
The time when from the Father's throne,
Thou cam'st to save a world alone.

5.

The stars, the earth, the waters, all
'Neath heaven proclaims the festival !
All with new canticles repeat
Thy praise ; and all their Saviour greet.

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6.

All—all whom that most holy stream
Of blood did from sad death redeem
On this thy natal day, upraise
One voice and sound the hymn of praise.

7.

Jesus, to thee, the Virgin's Son,
Be everlasting homage done.
To God the Father, we repeat
The same, and to the Paraclete.

SALVETE FLORES MARTYRUM; FOR HOLY INNOCENTS.

1.

Ye flowers, ye buds of martyrs, hail!
Ye blossoms by the sword o'ercast,
On life's young threshold, spent and pale,
Like opening roses 'neath the blast.

2.

Ye earliest victims Jesus owns!
Ye tender flock cut rudely down
While, deck'd with palms and flowery crowns,
Ye play'd the altar's steps upon.

3.

But shall the mighty crime avail?
Shall Herod triumph in his wrath?
For Christ uprose the infant wail—
Christ, only Christ escaped from death.

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4.

While childless mothers' wept the day,
And slaughter'd babes bestrew'd the ground,
The Virgin's Son was borne away,
While flow'd his playmates' blood around.

5.

Thus Moses, who pourtrayed of yore
The fate of Christ—escaped the stroke
Of Pharoah; living to restore
And raise his nation from the yoke.

HYMN OF JUDGMENT.

Sometimes sung on the 1st Sunday in Advent.

1.

Lo! He comes in clouds descending,
Once for favour'd sinners slain:
Thousand thousand saints attending
Fill the triumph of his train.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! See the
Son of God appear.

2.

Every eye must now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty:
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nail'd him to the tree
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

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3.

Every valley, hill, and mountain,
Heav'n and earth, shall fade away ;
Those who hate him shall, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day.
Come to judgment, come to judgment, come to judgment, come to judgment, come away.

4.

See redemption, long expected,
Now in dreadful pomp appear,
All his saints, by men rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! See the Son of God appear.

5.

Yea amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne:
Saviour, take thy power and glory,
Take the kingdom for thine own.
O come quickly, Lord! come quickly, Lord! come quickly, Lord! come quickly, come Lord! come.

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EVENING

PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES.

SUNDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sir Thomas More's prayer in the Tower.

Grant us, O Lord, thy grace that, in every pain and difficulty against which we may be inclined to murmur, we may think on the great agony which thou, our creator and Redeemer, didst suffer on Mount Olivet before thy bitter passion; and in meditating thereon, grant that we may receive such spiritual comfort as may teach us resignation to thy holy will.

Take from us all vain glorious thoughts; all desire for our own praise; all envy, covetousness, gluttony, sloth and luxury; all froward affections; all wish for revenge; all desire of others' harm; all pleasure in provoking any person to anger; all delight in insulting or triumphing over any in their affliction and calamity. Give us humble, peaceable, patient, and charitable minds; and, in all our thoughts, words, and deeds, to have the approbation of thy Holy Spirit.

Give us a lively faith, a firm hope, and a constant charity:—a love of three incomparably

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above the love of ourselves, that we may love nothing to thy displeasure but every thing in order to thy satisfaction.

Give us a longing to be with thee, not so much for avoiding the evils of this world, nor for attaining the joys of heaven with respect to our own good, as purely for the love of thee.

Continue to us, oh Lord, thy love and favour which our love for thee, were it ever so great, could not deserve without thy infinite goodness.

Pardon our boldness in making such high petitions; we admit that we are unworthy to obtain them. Yet, oh Lord, they are the blessings we are bound to wish for, and which we might hope to receive if our manifold sins were not a hindrance: oh! wash us from them by the merits of that sacred blood that issued from thy body in the divers torments of thy bitter passion.

Take from us, also, oh Lord, our lukewarm manner of meditation, our dullness in prayer; give us patience in sorrow and grace in every thing to conform our wills to thine and to labour truly to deserve thou favours for which we have prayed. Amen.

The "Pater Noster."

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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The Ave Maria.

"Hail Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

For the Dead.

O God the giver of pardon and the lover of human salvation, with thee live the spirits of the just, and in thy keeping are the souls of those who, by their imperfections, being still unworthy of thy presence, are detained in a state of suffering and delayed hope. While, therefore, we bless thee for thy saints who are already admitted to thy glory, so, also, we humbly offer up our prayers for these thy afflicted servants; and in particular, for our departed friends, relations, and benefactors. Pardon them their past failings, supply for the unprepared state in which they were called before thy judgment seat; that they may see thee and, in thy glorious light, rejoice eternally. Amen.

Prayer for Self-knowledge.

Oh Lord Jesus Christ give us thy grace carefully to examine our conduct during this day. Make known to us if we have been guilty of offending thee during those hours which should have been given up entirely to innocent rest and spiritual rejoicing. Discover to us all our sinful thoughts, words, actions, and omissions; that we may implore thy pardon for neglecting

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the holy inspirations and the helps to devotion which this day has afforded to our weakness. * *

(Pause for Self-examination.)

An Act of Contrition.

Almighty God, we fear that we have offended thee and ill complied with all our duties. But do thou strengthen our weakness which so often leads us to do that of which we afterwards repent. Do thou, oh Lord, whenever we are about to do wrong, remind us of all that we owe to thy goodness, and thus save us from the sin of ingratitude which necessarily encreases every offence against thee to whom we owe so much. Accept, merciful Saviour, our sorrow for the past, and let thy saving providence keep us in all future trials. Amen.

Prayer and Hymn to the Holy Ghost.

Oh God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that we may, by the gift of the same Spirit, be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolations.

1.

Bright Holy Spirit! kindly pour
Thy saving grace our senses o'er.
Do thou each worldly impulse stay,
And lead our souls their heavenward way.
May doubt, anxiety, and fear
  And worldly hope no more enthrall;
Becalm our thoughts, our spirits cheer
  With hope of joys more bright than all.
Thy sure and certain hope bestow
To raise our hearts from all below.

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2.

Oh raise our hearts, dear Lord, to thee!
Let mildness, joy, benignity,
Instill'd by thee, our tempers rule.
Teach us on earth our hearts to school:
To live in friendliness and love
With all, and thus our souls prepare
For thee and thy blest saints above—
Feeling on earth as all feel there.
May thy blest gifts on earth be given
And bear their fruits on earth for heaven.

Oh Holy Ghost the Comforter, to thee we recommend our souls and bodies, the beginning and end of our lives. Of ourselves we are corrupt and blind in our affections and desires; and are easily seduced into error, easily overcome by temptations when we rely on our own judgment and strength. Wherefore, oh Lord, we offer and commit our souls to thee and to thy divine protection. Do thou teach us all things, and bring all things to our minds, whatsoever have been spoken to us by our divine Saviour. Amen.

Visit, oh Lord, we beseech thee this house and family, and drive far from them all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein, who may keep us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MONDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

For Attention during Prayers.

Almighty and eternal God, we beseech thee to impress upon our minds the importance of the duty we fulfil whenever we address thee. Thou hast taught us that we ought to be ever recollected in thee, and to sanctify the Lord Jesus in our hearts. Keep, therefore, our fickle minds from wandering at the very time when we profess to be praising thee and to be asking for a continuance of thy care and favour. Gracious Lord, we have called for thy attention to our requests:—let us not insult thy goodness by putting them forth as if we ourselves were heedless whether we obtained them or not! Oh let us not call down thy anger by worshipping thee with our lips only, while our hearts are far from thee! May our prayers be prayers indeed—rising warm from our hearts to thy throne of mercy, and leaving our hearts open to receive the answering showers of thy desending grace. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

Hail Mary full of grace, &c.

For Protection during the Night.

Almighty and eternal God, be thou pleased, in thy mercy, to watch over us that we may not sleep in death. Forgive us if this day has been fruitless to us in good works. It was given us that we might labour in it to please thee, and to

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secure our everlasting salvation. It may be the last of our lives; and can we hope in thy mercy if we have squandered it away in spiritual sloth and vain occupations!

This very night, perhaps, our Redeemer may come suddenly upon us, and require of us those souls which should be the images of his divine perfections: oh pardon us if we have ungratefully defiled them with sin, with thoughtlessness, or with religious indifference; and grant us time to amend our lives for the future.

Give us, oh Lord, this important future, and give us thy protection for the night to come. Let thy providence watch kindly over us, and may thy holy angels attend and guard us; may we be so protected and inspired through the night, as to be enabled hereafter to perform better all the duties of our calling, and morn faithfully to persevere in thy service. Grant that henceforward we may advance daily to fresh victories over our psssions, and to a more perfect observance of thy commandments; grant that we may pass the remainder of our days in thy holy fear, and that we may end them in thy favour; and grant that we may then be happy with thee for ever in thy heavenly klngdom. Amen.

Prayer before Self-examination.

Almighty Saviour, make known to us if we have offended thee during this day. Oh let us not, at the beginning of a new week, heap up unrepented sins upon our consciences. Discover to us our faults, whether of thought, word, deed, or omission, that we may strictly judge

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ourselves now and so escape the terror of thy searching justice. * * * * *

(Pause for Self examination.)

An Act of Contrition.

Merciful God, we are sorry from the bottom of our hearts for these and all our offences against thee. We implore thy clemency, and humbly hope to obtain thy pardon. For this end we offer thee the sacred merits of thy Son Jesus Christ in satisfaction for all our sins. We resolve, by the help of thy grace, never more to offend thee wilfully. We resolve henceforward to love thee and to serve thee better than we have hitherto done. Strengthen us and keep us in this good purpose for the glory of thy name, and for the eternal salvation of our own souls. Amen.

Psalm cxxix. De Profundis for the Dead.

From the depths we have cried to thee oh Lord, Lord hear our voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of our supplication.

If thou, oh Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord who shall withstand it?

But with thee there is propitiation and by reason of thy law we have waited for thee oh Lord.

Our souls have relied on his word; our souls have hoped in the Lord.

From the early morning even until night let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plentiful redemption.

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And he shall redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Eternal rest give to them oh Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Oh God the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that, by pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon they have always desired through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit, oh Lord, we beseech thee, this house and family, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein, who may keep us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

TUESDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

An Act of Universal Charity.

Almighty Saviour Jesus Christ, who hast loved mankind so as to offer up thyself to death for us; who wast reckoned amongst the wicked and cruelly wounded for man's iniquity: we beseech thee oh Lord, in thy unspeakable mercy, to inflame our hearts with thy heavenly grace; that the fire of thy charity may always burn in

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our souls, and produce in us such chastened affections, such piety, and such a disinterested benevolence, as may, for the love of thee and in imitation of thy universal love, be extended to all creatures.

Grant that to thy greater glory we may earnestly endeavour to promote the salvation of every one.

Grant us also, oh Lord, thy divine spirit which may teach us to love our neighbours not in word and show only, but in deed and truth. Take from us all bitterness of mind, even towards our enemies; all anger, disdain, suspicion, envy, and whatever is contrary to pure and sincere charity: so that in plain simplicity of heart we may have a good opinion of all, judging none rashly, but loving every one in thee with holy affection and, both in word and deed, shewing them all kindness and brotherly love.

Oh let us thus endeavour to profit by thy divine instructions which have taught us that this world is only given as a preparation for heaven; that we must here school our tempers to the charity and benevolence of thy kingdom of holy peace where no feelings of jealousy, anger, or pride can ever hope to be admitted: Let us, thus endeavour oh Lord, to obtain here, by prayer and penance, such dispositions as may suit us for the company of thy blessed of paradise. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

Hail Mary full of grace, &c.

For the Dead.

Be mindful oh Lord of thy servants who are

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gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. To these, oh Lord, and to all who sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Eternal rest give to them oh Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

To be shown our Sins.

Oh Lord we are aware that we have offended thee for thou art all holy and pure, and we are made subject to the misguidance of these corruptible bodies. Yet it is our desire to make our conduct more agreeable to thee by checking at once every inclination to evil. Make known to us, therefore, if we have offended thee by thought, word, deed, or omission, that we may feel a proper repentance for the past, and endeavour to avoid hereafter whatever we find to be an occasion and temptation to sin. * *

(Pause for Self-examination.

An act of Contrition.

Oh God we are sorry for these as well as for all other sins which we have committed against thy divine Majesty. We are sorry that we have offended thee because thou art infinitely good, and sin displeases thee. We offer thee our whole hearts, and firmly purpose, by the help of thy grace, never more to offend. Forgive us, oh Lord, and in thy mercy watch over us for the time to come; for we must ever feel and thankfully acknowledge all thy great goodness towards us.

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A Hymn of Gratitude.

1.

Oh ! many are the favours given,
Kind Lord, to man while exil'd here !
Earth is so fair that even heaven
Could scarce excel wert Thou not there :
And earth itself would be divine
Were all it holds true sons of thine.

2.

Oh ! be our grateful homage paid
For thy magnificence and love—
That love which all earth's splendours made
To guide our souls to thee above.
While thus on earth thy glories shine
Oh let our hearts, dear Lord, be thine !

Let our hearts, oh Lord be ever thine ; warmed with the spirit of piety towards thee ; beholding in all things proofs of thy goodness ; and anxious to make the little return in our power by living according to thy holy precepts and commandments. Amen.

Visit oh Lord we beseech thee this house and family, and drive far from them all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein, who may keep us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

For the Dead.

Be mindful oh Lord of thy servants who are dead, and restore unto them the joy of thy salvation.

Let thy good spirit lead them into the right land, and in thy mercy bring their souls out of trouble.

Enter not into judgment, oh Lord, with thy servants, for no man shall be justified in thy sight unless thou vouchsafe to forgive him all his sins. Let not, therefore, we beseech thee, thy award of punishment remain upon those whom the true supplication of Christian faith recommendeth to thee; but, through the assistance of thy grace, may they escape the sentence of condemnation who, while they were living, were signed with the mark of the Blessed Trinity.

Eternal rest give to them oh Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.

Hail Mary full of grace, &c.

An act of Faith.

We believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third

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day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty: from thence he shall come to judge both the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

An Act of Hope.

Merciful God, we humbly thank thee for having revealed to us the futurity of bliss to which thy goodness and justice encourages us to look forward. Grant, that in every pain and distress, our souls may rise buoyant and inspired by trust in thy promises; and that by subjecting all our worldly interests to the dictates of duty, we may at length receive the reward which thou holdest out to our patience and fidelity. Amen.

An Act of Charity.

Fill our hearts, oh Lord we beseech thee, with thoughts of all thou hast done for us; that being thus always mindful of thy goodness, we may, in return, feel a constant lively charity; and may endeavour to love thee "with our whole hearts, our whole souls, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and our neighbours as ourselves." Amen.

For Self-knowledge.

Oh Lord we lay open our hearts before thee and besech thee to make known to us all their faults and sinful inclinations. Discover to us if we have offended thee in THOUGHT—by dwelling

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on subjects which our minds ought to have shunned or by judging evil of others; in WORD —by speaking irreligiously of thee, or wrongfully of our neighbours; in DEED—by doing that which thy providence has forbidden; in OMISSION—by neglecting to praise thee by the cheerful fulfilment of those duties with which thou hast charged our situation in life. Give us thy grace to judge ourselves severely, that with real sorrow we may implore thy pardon. * * *

(Pause for Self-examination.)

An Act of Contrition.

Merciful God, again we call upon thee to forgive us our sins, We are sorry for them and will endeavour to correct those feelings which have hitherto led us to do that which is displeasing to thee. But, oh God, do thou give us thy grace, without which these resolutions will be as vain as those we have so often made before. Do thou create clean hearts in us, and make us really endeavour to please thee by renouncing all those tastes and inclinations which we know to be likely to lead us into sin. Amen.

For the Blessing of Jesus Christ.

Divine Saviour of our souls, who art the source of every good gift; behold we now earnestly beseech thee, in thy mercy, to shower down upon us thy gracious benedictions. And in order that nothing may put a stop to the course of thy blessing, take away from our hearts whatsoever is displeasing to thee. Pardon us our sins, which for the love of thee we sincerely

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renounce. Purify our hearts and sanctify our souls. Bless us, oh Jesus, with a blessing such as was that with which thou didst bless thy apostles when, leaving this world, thou didst ascend into heaven. Bless us with a blessing that may sanctify and change us; that may fill us with thy spirit and unite us intimately to thee:—that may be to us, even in this life, an assured pledge of those blessings which thou hast prepared for thy elect in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Visit, oh Lord we beseech thee, this house and family, and drive far from them all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein who may keep us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THURSDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Magnificat. Luke i. 46.

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me "blessed."

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For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his name:

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm, he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts.

He hath filled the hungry with good things but the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath helped Israel his servant being mindful of his mercy.

As he promised to our forefathers, to Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

"Hail Mary full of grace, our Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus." Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

For the Dead.

Have mercy, oh Lord we beseech thee, on the souls of thy servants and our brethren and benefactors, who are gone before us to thy judgment seat. Oh accept our prayers in their behalf, and forgive the punishment which thy justice has awarded in atonement for their sins. Pardon them, oh Lord; and when they are admitted into thy joy, listen to their prayers in behalf of us who are still liable to the trials from which they are so happily set free.

Eternal rest give to them oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

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Thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity.

Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we humbly adore and praise thee. Thou art the highest good from which all other goodness flows. Thou art the well-spring and the giver of happiness, and in thee only is true happiness to be be found. We bless and praise thee who of nothing didst frame heaven and earth and all the creatures therein: who didst make the holy angels to adore thee eternally; who didst create all things for man and man to thy own image and likeness—bestowing on him understanding, knowledge of thee, and free will to adore thee. Blessed, oh Lord be thy name for thy inestimable gifts!

We return thee thanks for having placed us in a world so adorned by thy splendour as to raise our minds to thee: for having taught us to love and serve thee during a life of spiritual hope; and for enabling us to look forward, after a short while of easy service, to the inheritance of lasting bliss to which the great sacrifice of our Redeemer again permits us to aspire.

From the bottom of our hearts we praise thy holy name; and desire that all honour, glory, and adoration, should be given thee by all creatures now and for ever. Amen.

Before Self-examination.

Oh blessed Lord, while we acknowledge thy goodness towards us, enable us to see how we have complied with thy sacred commandments; and whether we have always studied, by the innocence and devotion of our lives, to shew our

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thankfulness for all thy favours. Give us thy grace carefully to examine our conduct during this day, and to see whether we have not offended thee either by thought, word, deed, or omission. If we have, let not our sins be hid from us; but discover them fully to our minds as they are already known to thee. * * * * * * *

(*Pause for Self-examination.*)

An Act of Contrition.

We beseech thee, oh Lord, have compassion on thy servants. Judge us not according to our works, for we have been disobedient to thy commandments; but as thou lovest repentance, have mercy on us who before thy face make confession of our sins. For the glory of thy holy name blot out our offences, and let us add the grace of thy pardon to all the mercies we have received from thee.

For good Fame and Spiritual Comfort.

Help us, oh Jesus, we beseech thee, to spend our time in virtuous actions and in such labours as are acceptable to thee; that we may deserve and keep good names by living peacefully and piously to thy honour, our own comfort, and the benefit of others. Grant us thy grace to avoid all ill company; or, if we chance to come among such, we beseech thee by thine own incorrupt conversation amongst sinners, to preserve us from being overcome by any temptations to sin. Cause us rather, oh Lord, to remember with dread that that thou art present and hearest, and wilt take an account of all our thoughts and actions, and wilt judge us by them.

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Destroy not our souls with the wicked; but make us constant in faith, hope, and charity—giving us perseverance in all virtues, and resolution never to offend thee. Enlighten us with spiritual wisdom to know thy goodness and those things which are most agreeable to thee. Grant us the grace to benefit the souls of others by our good examples; and to bring round, by our good conduct, those who misbehave themselves towards us; so that, proceeding wisely from virtue to virtue, we may ever approach nearer to the clear sight of thy glorious majesty.

But comfort us, dear Jesus, in our pilgrimage, and give us grace to place our chief our only joy in thee. Send us heavenly meditations, spiritual sweetnesses, and fervent desires for thy glory: encourage our souls with the contemplation of heaven where we may everlastingly dwell with thee. Bring often to our remembrance thy unspeakable goodness, thy gifts, and the great kindness thou hast shewn us: and when thou remindest us of the sins by which we have so often offended thee, comfort us with the assurance of obtaining thy grace by means of that spirit of perfect penance which may cleanse away our guilt, and prepare us for thy kingdom where we may bless and praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

For Schismatics and Heretics.

Look down, we beseech thee oh Lord, with pity and compassion on all those deluded souls who, under the name of christians, have gone astray from the paths of truth and unity, and from the one fold and the one Shepherd, thy

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only Son Jesus Christ, into the by-paths of error and schism. Oh bring them back to thee and to thy church. Dispel their darkness by thy heavenly light; take off from before their eyes the veil with which the common enemy has blind-folded them; let them see how they have been misled by misapprehensions and misrepresentations. Remove the prejudices of their education: take away from them the spirit of obstinacy, pride, and self-conceit. Give them humble and docile hearts. Give them a strong desire of finding out the truth, and a strong grace to enable them to embrace it, in spite of all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Unite us all in this life, in the bonds of brotherly love and divine charity; and enable us to carry the same sentiments into thy heavenly kingdom, where we may for ever praise thee for having led us into the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit, oh Lord, we beseech thee, this house and family, and drive far from them all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein who may keep us in peace, and may thy blessing remain always upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

FOR FRIDAYS AND FASTING DAYS.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Part of Psalm xxiv.

Unto thee oh Lord we have lifted up our souls. In thee oh Lord we have put our trust; let us not be confounded.

Shew thy ways to us and instruct us in thy path.

Direct us in thy truth and teach us, for thou art the God our Saviour; and upon thee have we waited all the day long.

Remember, oh Lord, the tenderness of thy compassion; and thy mercies which are from the beginning of the world.

But the sins of our youth and our ignorances remember not.

According to thy mercy mayest thou remember us, for thy goodness sake, oh Lord.

Sweet and righteous is the Lord, therefore will he give a law to sinners in the way.

The mild he will conduct in justice and will teach his ways to the meek.

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as seek after his covenant and his testimonies.

Look upon us and have mercy on us for we are alone and poor.

The troubles of our hearts are multiplied; deliver us from our distresses.

See our repentance and our sorrow, and forgive us our sins.

Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end.

Oh God, who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers

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of thy people who make supplication unto thee and turn away the scourge of thy anger which we deserve for our sins. Spare, oh Lord, spare thy people; and as thou hast appointed fasting, prayer, and penance as a means of satisfying thy offended justice, grant that we may now find comfort in thy mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven, &c.

Hail Mary full of grace, &c.

For the Dead.

To thee, oh Lord, we recommend the souls of thy servants departed; that being dead to the world they may live to thee; and whatever sins they may have committed through human frailty, we beseech thee in thy goodness mercifully to pardon.

Eternal rest give to them oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

For a good Life, and a happy Death.

Eternal rest give to us also, O Lord, when our souls shall cast off these bodies of our humiliation and be hurried into thy dread presence. Oh grant that we may often have that moment in our thoughts! Thou hast not created us for this world, where we pass, as it were, only a few moments of our existence. Raise up our thoughts, we beseech thee, to the world of our lasting home: teach us to consider this life as a part of the life to come: teach us to remember that, after death, we shall still continue to live; that we shall still continue to live as we may have lived here—adoring and loving thee in

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heaven if we have loved and adored thee here or banished from thy sight then if we now banish thee from our thoughts and dispositions.

Oh Lord, let our tempers and actions be ever directed by the knowledge that this life and the next are one: that if we would hereafter live in heaven we must now live in a manner to suit us for heaven: and that, at the hour of death this life and the next blend into one for a continuance of either happiness or woe.

Oh Lord make us therefore shew by our conduct now that we have already begun to live as we may continue to live hereafter in thy blessed mansions of the just. Amen.

For self Knowledge.

Oh Lord Jesns Christ, judge of the living and of the dead, before whom we must one day appear to give an exact account of our whole lives, enlighten us, we beseech thee, and give us humble and contrite hearts, that we may see wherein we have offended thy divine Majesty this day by thought, word, deed, or omission; and may judge ourselves now with such a just severity that thou mayest then judge us with mercy and clemency. * * * * * * * * * *

(Pause for Self-examination.)

An act of Contrition.

Most wise and merciful Lord who hast ordained this life as a passage to the future, confining the use of repentance to the time of our pilgrimage here and keeping for hereafter the state of punishment or reward—accept our heartfelt contrition for all our faults, and vouchsafe to us

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who are yet alive and still have the means of reconciliation to thee, that we may so repent of all our past faults, for which we humbly beseech thy pardon, and so correct every least departure from the true way of heaven that we may neither be surprised with our minds unprepared nor with our sins unforgiven; but that when our bodies go down to the grave, our souls may ascend to thee, and dwell for ever in thy mansions of eternal felicity. Amen.

For Faith, Hope, Charity, and Resignation.

Grant, oh Lord, that we may accept of death as a homage and adoration which we owe to thy divine Majesty; as a punishment justly due to our sins; in union with the death of our dear Redeemer; and as the only means of coming to thee, our beginning and last end.

We firmly believe all the sacred truths thy Church believes and teaches; because thou hast revealed them; and by the assistance of thy holy grace, we are resolved to live and die in the communion of this thy church.

Relying on thy goodness, power, and promises, we hope to obtain pardon of our sins, through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our only Redeemer, and by the intercession of his blessed Mother and all the saints.

We love thee with our whole hearts, and desire to love thee as the blessed do in heaven.

We forgive all who have injured us, and ask pardon of all we have injured.

We renounce the devil with all his works, the

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world with all its pomps, the flesh with all its temptations.

We desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

Father into thy hands we commend our spirits.

Lord Jesus receive our souls.

Visit, oh Lord, we beseech thee this house and family, and drive far from them all snares of the enemy; Let thy holy angels dwell herein who may keep us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SATURDAY.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Hail Mary full of grace, &c.

For the Dead.

Oh God who hast taught us that it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins, grant we beseech thee, that our humble prayers in behalf of the souls of thy servants, and our brethren, friends, and benefactors, may be of use to them; so that thou may'st deliver them from all punishment, and make them partakers of the redemption thou hast purchased for them.

Eternal rest give to them oh Lord.

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And may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Of Gratitude for God's Providence.

Almighty God we firmly believe that thou art here present and that thou observest all our thoughts and the most secret motions of our hearts. Thou watchest over us with incomparable love; every moment bestowing favours and preserving us from evil. Blessed be thy holy name, and may all creatures praise thy goodness for the benefits we have received from thee. May the saints and angels supply our defects in rendering thee due thanks. Never permit us to be so base and wicked as to repay thy kindness with ingratitude, and thy blessings with offences and injuries. Amen.

Before Self-examination.

Oh Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we humbly crave the light of thy grace to shew us wherein we have offended thee this day by thought, word, deed, or omission: that by a careful examination of our consciences, we may see what is faulty in our conduct with sorrow, and thy unspeakable mercy with zealous and firm purposes of amendment. * * * * * * * * * * *

(Pause for Self-examination.)

Act of Sorrow for lesser sins.

We are now aware oh Lord of the carelessness with which we have hitherto squandered away our time. We acknowledge the ingratitude wherewith we have so long abused thy goodness; and we humbly ask thy pardon and

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implore forgiveness. We are sorry that we have displeased thee; and from the bottom of our hearts, we regret the offences with which we have so often requited thy goodness in our behalf. Oh keep us from yielding to temptations for the future.

Make us sensible also, oh Lord, of the many ways in which we do wrong without even being aware of it at the time or afterwards thinking of our negligence. Thou hast said that the just man falls seven times a day:—how often, therefore, have we not reason to fear that we fall from our duties! and this, without so much as owning our faults! Oh make us watch more carefully our passing thoughts and words; make us attend more rigorously to all the slightest movements of our tempers, all the hidden springs of our actions. Accept our grateful thanks if thou hast removed us from occasions of committing great and grievous sins: if, through thy mercy rather than our own endeavours, we have none such upon our consciences. Oh make us ever sensible of the favour thou hast shown us in protecting us in preference to so many other souls which are led astray, not by inclinations naturally worse than ours, but by the temptations to which their situations in life expose them.

But, oh Lord, teach us also to shew by our conduct now that, in any other situation, we should have the strength to resist seductions and to serve thee. Teach us properly to judge of our guilt if we only abstain from offending thee mortally because we have no opportunity of doing so. Grant, oh Lord, rather that we may the more carefully watch over our tempers and every

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bad feeling of our hearts; that by conforming to thy will in small things, we may deserve thy protection in all greater dangers and trials to which we may be exposed hereafter. Amen.

Visit oh Lord we beseech thee, this house and family, and drive far from them all snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein, who may keep us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us, and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers for particular Seasons.

To be added before the concluding night prayer, "Visit oh Lord we beseech thee."

For Ember Days.

Listen, almighty God, we beseech thee to the prayers which thy universal church offers to thee at this time; beseeching thy blessing on those who are about to be admitted to thy holy service at the altar. Give thy grace to all who are called to any office and administration in thy priesthood; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine and indue them with innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve thee to the glory of thy great name and the benefit of thy holy church. Amen.

Oh God of whose mercies there is no number and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite, we humbly thank thee for the gifts thou hast

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bestowed upon us. Continue thy mercy to us and give us also so much of thy temporal blessings, as thou knowest to be for our good.

Grant that the fruits of the earth may, by thy holy favour, increase and multiply: defend them from all drought, frosts or tempests, or whatever else may be hurtful to them. It is from thy hand only that we look for succour, and to thee we have recourse in all our necessities, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Advent.

Raise up our hearts oh Lord, we beseech thee, in expectation of the coming of thy only Son: that, by his advent, being reconciled to thee, we may serve thee in holiness all the days of our lives. Amen.

For Lent.

Oh Lord who, for our sake, didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may worthily lament and acknowledge our wretchedness, and may obtain perfect remission and forgiveness of thee, the God of all mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father and Holy Ghost, one God world without end. Amen.

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THE CONDENSED LITANY OF LORETTO.

This Litany is printed from the manuscript of one of the most eminent divines living. By condensing, it admirably exemplifies and explains the figurative language of the ancient litany of Loretto. Prayers, like music, derive much of their effect, much of their power of self-persuasion from habit and association: but although those whose early impressions are connected with it, may still cling to the olden form, yet we doubt not that converts will prefer the present beautiful version of the ancient Litany.]

ANTHEM.

We fly to thy patronage, oh Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities; but protect us against all dangers, oh ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord have mercy on us. *Lord have mercy on us.* Christ have mercy on us. *Christ have mercy on us.* Christ hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God the Son Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

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Holy Mary, Mother of God, Virgin of Virgins, *pray for us.*

Mother of Christ the fountain of divine grace, *pray for us.*

Mother most pure and most chaste, *pray for us.*

Mother without spot or stain, *pray for us.*

Mother as lovely as thou art wonderful, *pray for us.*

Mother of our Creator and Redeemer, *pray for us.*

Most prudent Virgin, deserving object of our veneration and praise, *pray for us.*

Powerful, compassionate, and faithful virgin, *pray for us.*

Resplendent mirror, reflecting every virtue and all justice, *pray for us.*

Chosen abode of heavenly wisdom, *pray for us.*

Copious source from which sprang all our joy, *pray for us.*

Spiritual and honourable vessel, replenished with the precious ointment of piety and devotion, *pray for us.*

Mystical rose, diffusing thy fragrant odours around this vale of tears, *pray for us.*

Fortress of our defence, impregnable as the tower of David; fair as the turret of ivory; resplendent as the palace of gold, *pray for us.*

Ark of the new covenant, *pray for us.*

Gate of heaven, through which the King of Glory descended upon the earth, *pray for us.*

Star of the morn which ushered in the orient Sun of justice, *pray for us.*

Most powerful of intercessors, in whom the weak find health; sinners, a refuge; the afflicted, a comforter; and all Christians protection and help, *pray for us.*

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Oh, glorious Queen whom angels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, and all the host of heaven praise and honour, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, oh Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, oh Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

ANTHEM. We fly to thy patronage, oh holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but protect us in all dangers, oh ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pray for us, oh holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

Pour forth, we beseech thee oh Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection: thro' the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

OCCASIONAL PRIVATE PRAYERS.

GRATEFUL PETITIONS TO THE B. V. M.

Most holy Virgin Mary, we acknowledge the many blessings for which we are indebted to your intercession. Oh, continue to watch over us: protect what you have given us: pray for us in all our pains and troubles: and take upon

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you the care of our earthly welfare and eternal salvation.

Receive, most blessed Virgin, our thankfulness for the past; and vouchsafe to us, at this time also, your merciful intercession; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who with God the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen.

An appeal from Christs' promises.

Dear Jesus! thou knowest what I now stand in need of: thou knowest the boon that I am now most anxious to obtain. Oh forgive me if I trust too firmly in thee that I shall not pray for it in vain. Forgive me if I remember that thou hast said "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Behold now I pray to thee; behold now I seek, I knock, I ask. Grant, oh grant me my request; and let not my trust in thy blessed promise be disappointed.

"Whatever you shall ask the Father in my name it shall be granted unto you." Remember great God, eternal Father whom Christ thy Son taught me to adore as my Father also in heaven, remember this promise of my Redeemer, and fulfil my request. In His name, in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, I beg of thee to hear my petition, and to bestow this blessing upon me. Redeem, great God, His promise; and enable me so to ask that my faith may be strengthened and assured.

Let me not be disappointed, oh God; for I have trusted in Jesus Christ thy Son, who with

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thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

An Offering of Self.

Oh Lord my God, I beseech thee to give me understanding, and to enable me to do thy will. I offer myself entirely to thee: do with me during my whole life as may tend most to thine own honour and the good of my soul. Receive me, oh God, as thy servant, and appoint me my duty. I renounce every wish that may be contrary to thy providence; and only pray that I may be employed as a tool to work out thy hallowed designs.

Direct, I beseech thee, my lot in this world according to my hopes, if those hopes are not displeasing to thee: but if they are so, oh my God, I willingly renounce them, and ask only to be made the means of advancing thy glory upon earth, that I may hereafter be received as a faithful servant into thy eternal joy. Amen.

Night Thoughts; while going to Sleep.

Father into thy hands I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus receive my soul. Receive my soul, dear Jesus, into thy holy keeping. Preserve it from all imaginings that may be displeasing to thee. Grant that I may not die this night: but when I awaken in the morning, restore it to me purified and strengthened—able and willing to labour to advance my own salvation and thy merciful intentions in regard to myself, to others, and to thee. Amen.

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OCCASIONAL COLLECTS,

Which may be introduced during Mass.

Thanksgiving.

Oh God, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite, we give thee thanks for the blessings thou hast bestowed on us: always beseeching thy divine majesty that, as thou hast now granted what we asked, so thou wouldst continue thy favours to us in such a manner that by them we may be prepared for receiving the rewards of eternal happiness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Dying.

Oh almighty and merciful God, who hast prepared for mankind the means of salvation and the rewards of eternal life, look down, in thy mercy, on thy servant now labouring under the calamity of sickness, and be thou the comfort of the soul which thou hast created, that at the hour of death it may be presented to thee by the hands of the angels, without spot. Through.

For a Family.

Preserve, oh Lord, we beseech thee, this family from all misfortune through the intercession of blessed Mary, ever a virgin: and as, in all humility, they prostrate themselves before thee, do thou mercifully defend them from all the snares of their enemies. Through.

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In any Necessity.

Oh God our refuge and strength, fountain of all goodness, mercifully give ear to the fervent prayers of thy church, and grant that what we ask with faith we may effectually obtain. Thro'

In a Famine or Pestilence.

Grant us, oh Lord, the fulfilment of our humble and pious prayers; and by thy goodness deliver us from this famine (or pestilence) that men may be sensible such scourges proceed from thy anger and cease by thy mercy. Through.

For Rain.

Oh God in whom we live, move, and have our being, send us, we beseech thee, seasonable rain; that enjoying a sufficiency of the necessaries of this life, we may aspire with more confidence after those blessings which are eternal. Through.

For Fair Weather.

Hear us, oh Lord, crying out to thee, and grant our humble request of a dry season; that we who are justly afflicted for our sins, may experience thy clemency and mercy. Through.

Against Evil Thoughts.

Oh almighty and most merciful God, regard in thy goodness our prayers; and deliver our hearts from the disquietude of all perverse and evil thoughts, that we may become an abode for thy Holy Spirit. Through.

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For a Parent.

Oh God who hast commanded us to honour our fathers and mothers, have mercy, I beseech thee, on the soul of my dear parent and forgive him his sins; and grant that I may see him again in the joys of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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